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Green plans: Work under way at a visitors' shelter near the Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. R. V. MOORTHY

Mathura-Vrindavan aims to be carbon neutral by 2041

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Mathura-Vrindavan, one of India's largest pilgrimage centres, aims to become a "net zero carbon emission" tourist destination by 2041, Uttar Pradesh government officials have told *The Hindu*.

This means that tourist vehicles will be banned from the entire Braj region, which includes famous pilgrim centres such as Vrindavan and Krishna Janmabhoomi. Instead, only electric vehicles used as public transport will be allowed into the area.

All 252 waterbodies and 24 forests in the area will also be revived, officials privy to the U.P. government's draft redevelopment plan said.

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Student dies after being 'punished'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Class IV student died after being allegedly punished by a teacher. Nishita, a student of R.D. International School, collapsed around 1.30 p.m. in her classroom, allegedly when the teacher was punishing students. She was taken to hospital by teachers, but was declared brought dead. The girl's father has filed a police complaint.

Ex-journalist is AAP CM face

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A TV journalist-turned-politician Isudan Gadhvi will be the chief ministerial face of AAP in Gujarat Assembly poll.

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All employees can opt for EPFO pension scheme: SC

The court uses its extraordinary powers under Article 142 to allow eligible members who had not opted for enhanced pension coverage prior to the 2014 amendments to do so in four months

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld the Employees' Pension (Amendment) Scheme, 2014 of the Employees' Provident Fund Organistion as "legal and valid" while reading down certain provisions.

Most important, the court used its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to allow eligible employees who had not opted for enhanced pension coverage prior to the 2014 amendments, to jointly do so with their employers within the next four months.

The court struck down a requirement in the 2014 amendments that employees who go beyond the salary threshold (of ₹15,000 per month) should contribute monthly to the pension scheme at the rate of 1.16% of their salary.

The requirement to contribute 1.16% of the salary to the extent that such salary exceeds ₹15,000 per month as an additional contribution made under the amendment scheme is held to be *ultra vires* to the provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit held.

The court suspended the implementation of this part for six months.

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Extending the pension scheme

Some changes regarding EPS after the Supreme Court judgment

BEFORE:

- Pension coverage, extended in 2014 to employees drawing salary more than ₹15,000 per month, subject to
  - i) members contributing at the rate of 1.16% on salary exceeding ₹15,000 per month
  - ii) Employees should have exercised option within six months from September 1, 2014

AFTER:

- Requirement of additional contribution of 1.16% deemed incorrect. Implementation stayed for six months
- Entitlement not limited to employees who had already exercised an option under unamended EPS. If an employer and employee jointly opt for enhanced pension coverage — if they had not done so prior to the 2014 amendment — they can do so by four months from today

Labour Ministry, employees for detailed study

NEW DELHI
The Union Labour Ministry, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation and organisations of employees and employers are studying the Supreme Court order. Sources in the Labour Ministry said it would come up with detailed guidelines for the staff and employers on implementing the verdict. » PAGE 13

NEARBY

MoUs worth ₹9.8 lakh cr. signed

BENGALURU
The Chief Minister has said that this edition of Global Investors' Meet resulted in the signing of MoUs involving ₹9.8 lakh crore (over $100 billion). » Page 8

No death penalty for serial killer

NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Friday commuted the death penalty for cop-turned-serial killer B.A. Umesh, nicknamed 'Ripper', to life sentence on the grounds that he was kept in solitary confinement for 10 years.

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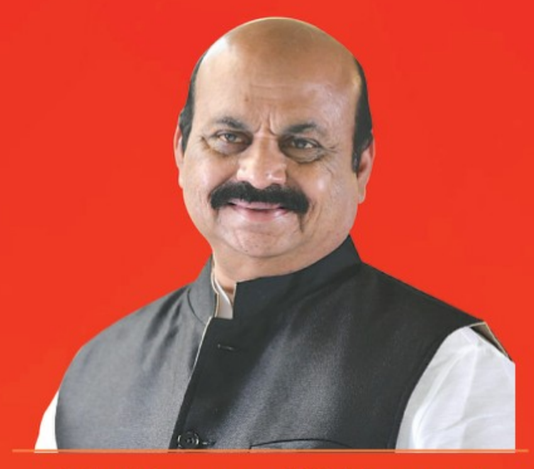

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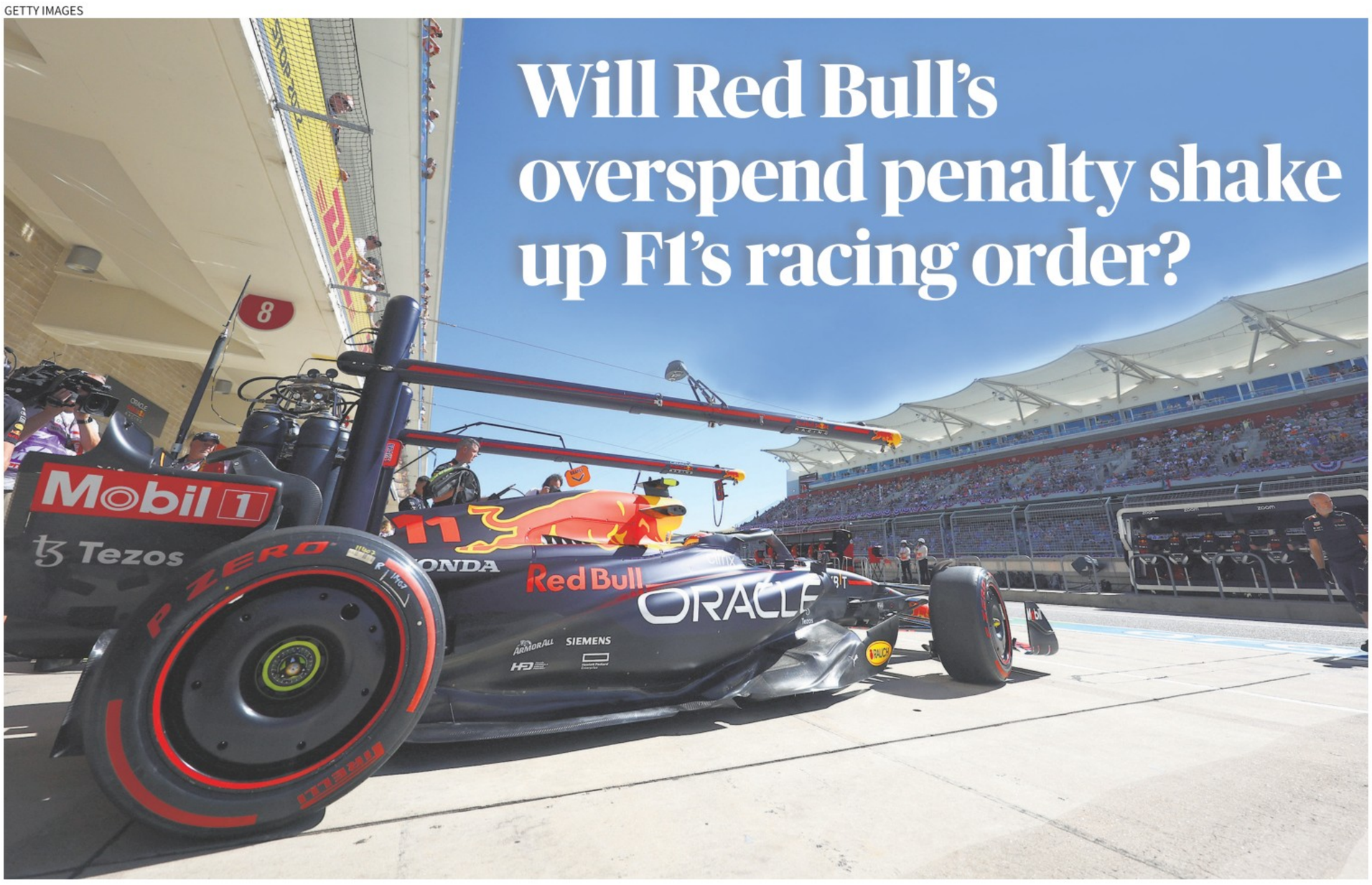

Will Red Bull's overspend penalty shake up F1's racing order?

The team is unlikely to lose sleep over the $7 million fine, but the restriction on aerodynamic testing is another matter. Can this hurt the current champion's prospects in 2023 and 2024?

S. Dipak Ragav

As much as Formula One is about fast cars and drivers, it is also an arms race – teams have to fund development right through the year in the pursuit of minute improvements in lap-time.

These fractional gains – in the order of tenths of a second – cost millions of dollars. Only teams with deep pockets can afford it. This has created a two-tier system: the wealthy teams can spend their way out of trouble and pocket a major portion of the prize money while the less-wealthy can't invest enough to compete.

To bring teams closer together in terms of competitiveness, the FIA and Formula One introduced a budget cap, limiting how much teams can spend; this cap did not apply to certain expenses such as salaries of the drivers and the top three executives, and marketing spending.

The budget cap was set at $145 million for the 2021 season, with further reductions in the cap for 2022 and 2023. While most teams did not find compliance difficult – they never had big budgets in the first place – Red Bull, Ferrari and Mercedes had to cut costs and staff since they were accustomed to spending far in excess of the cap.

An important aspect of the regulations were the penalties for breaches. This included reprimands, fines, testing restrictions, a smaller budget cap for future seasons and even points reductions for the year in which the offence was committed.

Just a day after Max Verstappen sealed his second world drivers' title, the FIA announced that Red Bull had been adjudged to be in breach of the regulations in 2021.

> I think for the sport, it's good that the breach was clearly established by the FIA. We certainly feel [the penalty] is low... the resulting lap-time [change] is probably going to be very insignificant
>
> **LAURENT MEKIES**
> Ferrari racing director

The team was found to be close to $2.2 million over the cap. However, the FIA also said that had a tax credit been applied correctly, it would have been over by about half a million dollars only. But irrespective of the amount, the fact that the team had breached the regulations meant that the FIA had to act swiftly to ensure the punishment both met the crime and acted as a deterrent.

Last week, ahead of the Mexico City Grand Prix, Red Bull was handed a $7 million fine and a 10% reduction in aerodynamic testing.

This was after the team entered into an 'Accepted Breach Agreement' (ABA) with the FIA wherein the team admits wrongdoing and waives the chance to appeal; punishments handed out under the ABA are less severe – they don't include points reduction, for instance.

While the size of the fine is not something a team of Red Bull's resources would lose sleep over, the sporting penalty – the restrictions on testing – could be another matter. It has sparked diverging views, with Red Bull and its rivals poles apart in their assessment of what the on-track consequences could be.

So, what do these restrictions really mean? And can they change the competitive order over the next two seasons?

Aerodynamics plays a huge role in F1, influencing the car's ability to go through corners at high speeds. This is because of a phenomenon known as downforce, in which the air flowing over the car presses it to the track surface, creating more grip. Every part of the car, from front to back, is designed to ensure the airflow around the car is directed in a way that maximises downforce.

The way teams nail these concepts is by testing parts on a scaled-down car model in a wind tunnel, which is one of the most important physical infrastructures for an F1 team. When there are issues with the wind tunnel data and it does not correspond with what is seen on the track, teams usually find themselves in big trouble.

CHRISTIAN HORNER

> I've heard people reporting [that it] is an insignificant amount. Let me tell you, that is an enormous amount. That represents anywhere between quarter and half a second worth of lap-time
>
> **CHRISTIAN HORNER**
> Red Bull team principal

Red Bull now faces a double whammy because of a rule the F1 introduced a few years ago. As another measure to reduce the gap between teams, the time for wind tunnel and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) testing was rationed. The team finishing last got the most time. This time reduced progressively, on a sliding scale, as you moved up the constructors' standings.

Having won the 2022 title, Red Bull was set to receive only 70% of a baseline amount of wind tunnel time and CFD runs. Now, with the 10% penalty applied to its 70%, it will have only 63%.

This penalty will run for a 12-month period until next October, and in this time, Red Bull will have 22 fewer runs on a wind tunnel and 140 fewer items it can run on its CFD.

Red Bull boss Christian Horner called the testing restriction "draconian" and said it could cost the team close to half a second in lap-time. However, rivals termed it an exaggeration and felt Red Bull got away lightly as the restrictions could at most cost a team a tenth or two-tenths.

Considering that Red Bull has had the fastest car this year, with a quarter of a second advantage on average, it seems well placed to deal with any potential impact of the penalty.

But having said that, since the restriction is over a 12-month period, the team will have a slight disadvantage in developing its 2024 car – work on a new car often has long lead times. It will need to figure out a way to not just maintain the level next year but also not fall behind in the following year.

The team has dodged a bullet with the monetary fine, in the sense that it is a standalone penalty, not something that comes out of its budget cap for next year. A few rival teams, such as Ferrari, have pointed out that reducing the team's budget cap would have been a fairer penalty; they felt the current punishment isn't strict enough.

With the same budget cap, the team now can refocus its resources on areas outside wind tunnel and CFD testing such as car-weight reduction, which can offer massive gains.

More to the point, Red Bull has access to the genius of Adrian Newey, its chief technical officer who is widely regarded as the best in the sport's history at understanding aerodynamics. Seen in this light, there isn't a team better suited to dealing with restrictions on aero testing.

While Red Bull's rivals would have desired stricter action, the process has shown that the regulation, in theory, can work. It was important for the FIA to draw a line in the sand, even for a minor breach. The governing body, having demonstrated a degree of transparency in dealing with the matter, can claim that the letter and spirit of the regulation have been preserved.

If the penalty acts as a strong deterrent, it greatly improves the chances of the budget cap succeeding. A transformative step to level the playing field, the regulation has the potential to make the sport more exciting and commercially attractive for all its stakeholders. This will ensure F1's edifice holds strong and doesn't crumble. So while the penalty has generated some ill will in the paddock, it could prove beneficial for the sport over the long term.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,730	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	11
3	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,655	21
4	Casper Ruud	23	5,510	23
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,035	23
6	Alexander Zverev	25	4,360	18
7	Novak Djokovic	35	4,320	13
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,725	26
9	Andrey Rublev	25	3,685	23
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,220	22
11	Taylor Fritz	25	3,090	22
12	Jannik Sinner	21	2,610	20
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,490	24
14	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,450	24
15	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,375	19

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 267 ▼ No change

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 345 ▲ 4 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,335	16
2	Ons Jabeur	28	4,555	17
3	Jessica Pegula	28	4,316	17
4	Coco Gauff	18	3,271	18
5	Maria Sakkari	27	3,121	21
6	Caroline Garcia	29	3,000	22
7	Aryna Sabalenka	24	2,970	20
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,935	22
9	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,795	20
10	Simona Halep	31	2,661	15
11	Madison Keys	27	2,417	20
12	Paula Badosa	24	2,371	22
13	Belinda Bencic	25	2,365	19
14	Danielle Collins	28	2,292	14
15	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,215	27

Top Indians ▸

Karman Thandi
Rank 220 ▼ 3 spots

Ankita Raina
Rank 297 ▲ No change

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	416	14
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	280	2
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	275	3
4	George Russell	Mercedes	231	0
5	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	216	0
6	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	212	1
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	111	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	82	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	71	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	47	0
11	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	36	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	35	0
13	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	24	0
14	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	23	0
15	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	13	0
16	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	12	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	2	0
21	Nyck de Vries	Williams	2	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins	Podiums
1	Red Bull	696	16	26
2	Ferrari	487	4	18
3	Mercedes	447	0	15
4	Alpine	153	0	0
5	McLaren	146	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	53	0	0
7	Aston Martin	49	0	0
8	Haas	36	0	0
9	AlphaTauri	35	0	0
10	Williams	8	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	28
2	Lee Zii Jia	92,528	28
3	Anders Antonsen	87,400	21
4	Chou Tien Chen	87,076	25
5	Loh Kean Yew	82,874	24
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	77,599	23
7	Jonatan Christie	76,912	24
8	Lakshya Sen	76,424	24
9	Kento Momota	72,304	18
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,949	25
11	K. Srikanth	65,561	29
12	H.S. Prannoy	64,330	27
13	Rasmus Genke	63,991	22
14	Lee Cheuk Yiu	63,341	22
15	Ng Ka Long Angus	62,467	22

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 8

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	22
2	Tai Tzu Ying	104,445	18
3	An Se Young	103,553	25
4	Chen Yu Fei	95,556	17
5	Carolina Marin	90,080	14
6	P.V. Sindhu	87,218	26
7	He Bing Jiao	86,664	20
8	Ratchanok Intanon	84,049	25
9	Pornpawee Chochuwong	77,315	28
10	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,794	32
11	Wang Zhi Yi	70,438	19
12	Nozomi Okuhara	65,640	11
13	Michelle Li	61,750	25
14	Sayaka Takahashi	60,263	15
15	Han Yue	59,576	18

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 6

Saina Nehwal
Rank 33

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
3	R. van der Dussen	766	796
4	Quinton de Kock	759	813
5	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
6	David Warner	725	880
7	Virat Kohli	722	911
8	Rohit Sharma	718	885
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
5	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
6	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
7	Matt Henry	654	691
8	Mitchell Starc	653	783
9	Rashid Khan	651	806
10	Jasprit Bumrah	642	841

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	863	863
2	Mohammad Rizwan	842	875
3	Devon Conway	792	831
4	Babar Azam	780	896
5	Aiden Markram	767	796
6	Dawid Malan	743	915
7	Glenn Phillips	703	703
8	Rilee Rossouw	689	692
9	Aaron Finch	687	900
10	Virat Kohli	638	897

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	700	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	697	797
3	Tabraiz Shamsi	694	821
4	Josh Hazlewood	692	806
5	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	687	745
6	Sam Curran	665	665
7	Adam Zampa	662	743
8	Anrich Nortje	655	695
9	Maheesh Theekshana	653	680
10	Mitchell Santner	651	731

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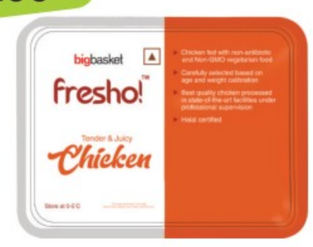

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Delay in development works at Kempe Gowda Layout

BDA chairman S.R. Vishwanath, on Friday, along with BDA senior officials, reviewed development works in Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Layout which is being developed by the civic agency. He instructed the officials to ensure that the development work is not delayed for any reason.

According to a release from BDA, taking to task the contractors who did not promptly carry out necessary infrastructure development, including land and road developments in various parts of the layout, Mr. Vishwanath directed the contractors to start the work within 15 days using machinery, and said that engineers concerned should take responsibility for this. He threatened to take disciplinary action against the contractor and engineers concerned, if they failed to start the work and added that the progress will be again reviewed in the next fortnight. If any lapses are found during that time, spot action will be recommended against erring contractors and engineers, he threatened. He also held a meeting with farmers who have given land for development of the layout.

Kristu Jayanti College organises Vidwat Sammilan

Kristu Jayanti College on Friday held the third edition of Vidwat Sammilan on 'Biology is noisy, Fuzzy but very robust: why and how?', with Prof. Basuthkar Jagadeeshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Hyderabad, as the resource person. Vidwat Sammilan is concerned with the presentation of national statements of commitment by institutional leaders in the form of interactive lectures.

Prof. B.J. Rao, who has made fundamental contributions in the molecular basis of genome dynamics, computational biology, cellular physiology and metabolism, said, "We are shaped by evolutionary changes which are entirely situational, the nature of which cannot be predicted. Environmental changes occur too fast for the species to adapt."

Bengaluru back to pre-COVID-19 air passenger levels

BIAL said that passenger traffic volume registered over 102% growth in domestic travel and about 85% growth in international travel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) on Friday said that Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is back at pre-COVID-19 passenger levels owing to the high traffic numbers recorded in the current financial year (FY) 2022-23 until October 26.

BIAL said that passenger traffic volumes registered over 102% growth in domestic travel and about 85% growth in international travel in October 2022, as compared to October 2019.

"The airport welcomed 16.3 million passengers in the current financial year until the last week of October, versus 6.61 million passengers during the same period last year. Traffic revival continued across both the domestic and international sectors due to the holiday and festive season. On October 21, which marked the beginning of the festive season with the Deepavali weekend, 94,330 passengers travelled through the airport," BIAL said.

"The aviation market witnessed a robust demand in the last six months, and this has impacted the passenger volumes positively. Air travel had taken a significant hit due to the pandemic, but it is recovering now, and we have observed growth in recent months. We are very optimistic that this upward trend will continue over the next few quarters," said Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Strategy and Development Officer, Bangalore International Airport Limited.

BIAL said the airport has established itself as the top transfer gateway in South India. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Cochin, and Pune have been the top domestic routes accounting for 44% of all traffic, while Dubai, Doha, Singapore, Frankfurt, and Male have been the top international routes contributing to 54% of the international traffic in FY 2022-23 to date.

The airport welcomed 16.30 million passengers in the current financial year until the last week of October, versus 6.61 million passengers during the same period last year. FILE PHOTO

Growing numbers

Passenger traffic volumes registered over 102% growth in domestic travel and about 85% growth in international travel in October 2022, as compared to October 2019.

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A recovery of 1,18,852 Air Traffic Movements (ATMs) was witnessed at the airport in FY 22-23. Domestic ATMs stood at 1,05,354, while international ATMs stood at 13,498.

During the week of Deepavali, the airport witnessed over 5.2 lakh domestic passenger movements in a span of six days. International passenger traffic was recorded at around 70,000 travellers.

KIA reconnects to most international destinations and adds new ones

Pre-COVID-19, Kempegowda International Airport was connected to 25 international destinations, with an average of 40 international departures each day. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Bengaluru has reconnected to most international destinations to which flights were stopped due to COVID-19. Besides, new international routes have also been added which were not in operation in the pre-COVID-19 era.

Pre-COVID-19, Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) was connected to 25 international destinations, with an average of 40 international departures each day.

A majority of the flights were operated to the Middle East region connecting Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Doha, Dubai, Jeddah, Kuwait, Muscat, Riyadh and Sharjah, followed by the South East Asian region.

In the South East Asian region flights were operated to Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Don Mueang, Phuket, besides four flights to the European cities of Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London and Paris.

There was a solitary flight to Africa connecting the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa with Bengaluru. The other destinations were Colombo, Male, Mauritius, Hong Kong, Kathmandu and San Francisco via Delhi.

Following the COVID-19 outbeak, international flight services were suspended with only repatriation flights to fly back Indian nationals from abroad under the Vande Bharat mission and Air Bubble flights, under which foreign airlines could operate flights to India cities.

Currently there are flights to most of these destinations barring Mauritius.

New flights

Among the newly-included flights are those to Tokyo by Japan Airlines and to Sydney by Qantas.

BIAL had earlier said that twp weekly flights to Tel Aviv (Air India) and daily flights to Seattle (American Airlines) are also planned for the near future.

United Airlines is scheduled to begin daily flights to San Francisco in the last quarter of this year.

Air India's flight service between Bengaluru and San Francisco which was stopped will also be reintroduced. The thrice a week flight will be reinsated from December 15.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, the German carrier Lufthansa had announced that it would be operating direct flights between Bengaluru-Munich from the summer of 2020. However, service on this route has been postponed.

People travelling

"International traffic is picking up, traffic has already returned to pre-pandemic levels, the economy has fully recovered and people are travelling. If you look at the air fares, they are not cheap yet people are travelling due to the two-year long break," said an aviation expert.

Lokayukta raid on 21 sub-registrar offices in and around Bengaluru

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BENGALURU

In a major operation, Lokayukta officials on Thursday conducted simultaneous raids on 21 sub-registrar offices in and around Bengaluru.

Based on information given to Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil on rampant corruption, several teams led by ADGP Prashanth Kumar Thakur, Superintendents of Police Ashok K.V. and Anjali K.P., along with 150 officials raided 14 sub-registrar's offices in Bengaluru, five on the outskirts of the city and two in Ramanagaram and Kanakapura towns. The officials seized unaccounted for cash worth several lakhs and other documents and recorded the statements of the staff members.

Notices have been issued to the officials concerned seeking explanations about the source of the unaccounted cash seized, based on which further action will be initiated, official sources said.

FIRs have also been registered against the officials for their collusion with the middlemen in the alleged corrupt practices.

'Indian Aerospace industry seeing unprecedented growth'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief Air Marshal V.R. Chaudhari, on Friday said that the Indian Aerospace industry is witnessing unprecedented growth towards becoming a self-reliant nation.

Mr. Chaudhari, speaking at an International Flight Test Seminar which organised as part of the IAF's Aircraft Systems and Testing Establishment's (ASTE) golden jubilee celebrations, said, "With each passing day, the Indian Aerospace industry is witnessing unprecedented growth towards becoming a self-reliant 'Aatma Nirbhar' Bharat. On this occasion, it is important to highlight the government policies which aim to support holistic incorporation of advanced technologies, impetus on domestic manufacturing, enhancing public-private partnership and enhancing the overall indigenous component in the defence sector," he said. He added that the policies have created a robust roadmap laden with a multitude of opportunities for the flight testing community. The Chief of Air Staff lauded the contribution made by ASTE and its alumni in numerous aircrafts developments, weaponisation and upgrade programs which have been pivotal in the enhancement of the IAF operational capability.

ASTE over the years has been instrumental in flight testing and operationalization of combat aircraft and weapon systems, including the indigenously developed LCA Tejas, ALH Dhruv and LCH Prachand, which have been successfully inducted into the IAF and sister services. Various commemorative events were organised throughout this significant year with all round participation.

Its flight test crew have actively participated in the design, development programme of Saras MK-II and Hansa NG, apart from various complex aircraft upgraded and weapon integration programs.

Bike thieves held

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BENGALURU

The Govindarajanagar police on Friday arrested two bike thieves and recovered eight stolen bikes worth ₹3 lakh from them. The accused Nihal Raj, 20, and Ananth P., 18, would move around residential areas to identify vehicles parked outside houses and steal them by breaking the locks and adjusting the ignition wires, said the police. The accused would then sell the bikes to their contact at throwaway prices and spend the money lavishly.

In a similar case, the J.C. Nagar police arrested a bike thief and recovered five bikes which he had stolen from outside houses worth ₹3 lakh.

38 child labourers rescued in Yadgir

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

Labour Department officials searched private vehicles and rescued 38 child labourers in Yadgir district on Friday.

In a joint operation, officials of the Labour, Police, and Transport departments raided private passenger vehicles, particularly tum tum autorickshaws and rescued 38 child labourers and handed them over to their parents after sensitising them. According to a release from the Labour Department on Friday, they raided 21 autorickshaws and rescued 38 child labourers who were being ferried for field work.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJENDRA Kumar Lalith Kumar, R/a No.9, ETA The Garden, Flat No.E301, K.P.Agrahara, Magadi Rd, B'lore-23 have changed my name to Lalith Kumar vide affidavit dt: 03.11.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, BABULAL Bhansali Ankesh Kumar, R/a No.43/120, 5th Mn, 6th Crs, Appurao Rd, Chamarajpet, B'lore-18 have changed my name to Ankesh Kumar vide affidavit dt: 10.10.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHADEV S/O SURATGEER, R/O #1/36, Holsamudra, Tq.Aurad B, Dist. Bidar, Karnataka–585417, Have changed my name to MAHADEV SURATGEER GIRI

I, LAKSHMI Sridhara, R/a No.26, 5th Mn, 6th Crs, Sarvabhouma Nagar, Chikkalasandra, B'luru-61 have changed my name to Nagalakshmi Sridhara vide affidavit dt: 13.10.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

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I, AFRAA Maryam Hassan, R/a No.21, Norris Rd, Nr Nanjappa Circle, Richmond Town, B'lore North, Museum Rd, B'lore-25 have changed my name to Afraa Maryam vide affidavit dt: 03.11.2022 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P, B'lore.

I, LOVEL Joseph Leander Ricky, S/o Lovel Joseph Francis, R/a No.2, M N Layout, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to Leander Ricky vide affidavit dt: 03.11.2022 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar.K, B'luru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-22)
OS No. 25714/2021
Between :
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...Plaintiff
And
M/s. Mohammed Ibrahim & Anr. ...Defendants
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No. 1&2
To,
M/s. Mohammed Ibrahim, Rep. by its Proprietor, Mohammed Ibrahim
Aged about 55 years, S/o. Abdul Raheman R/a. 23, Russel Market Square, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051
Defendant No. 1
Mrs. Ayesha Banu W/o. Mohammed Ibrahim, Aged about 45 years, R/a. 10, 1st Floor, Main Road, Kempiah 3rd Cross, JC Nagar, Bangalore - 560006
Defendant No. 2
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against the both of you seeking recovery of Rs. 10,59,877.40/- as on 08/03/2021 along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore [CCH-22] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 12/12/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Give under my hand and the seal of this court, this 29th day of October, 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMBEL Sunil, W/o Sunil Varghese.P, R/at No.302, A.R. Splendor Park, 3rd Cross, 4th Main, New Rajanna Layout, Horamavu agara, Bengaluru-560113 declare that the two names Ambel Sunil and Ambel Shanthi belongs to me, one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 03-11-2022 before Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

I, MOHAMMED Kharul Islam Choudhury, S/o Late Abdul Moktadir Choudhury, R/o. 2nd Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Old Madiwala, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name from Mohammed Kharul Islam Choudhury to Kasrul Islam Choudhury vide affidavit dated 04-11-2022 before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 25516/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Chowda Srinivasa Rao ..Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Chowda Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri. Chowda Pedda Lakshmaiah, Aged about 37 years, No.101, H. No. 5/3, Bhuvaneshwari Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560 037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 9,00,876/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eight Hundred Seventy Six Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 12-12-2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 18/10/2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KALAVAKUNTA Purushothama Reddy, R/a #23/5, Arvind Lyt, Somashettihally, B'luru-90 have changed my name to Kalavakunta Purushotham Reddy vide affidavit dt: 13.10.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, RISHI, R/a No.327, 6th Mn Rd, BSK 1st Stg, Srinagar, B'lore-50 have changed my name to Rishi Bhandari vide affidavit dt: 03.11.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, MARGARET BHAVANI, R/at No. 63, Horamavu, Bang 43 have changed my name from BHAVANI RAMA CHANDRAN to MARGARET BHAVANI, vide affidavit dated 04–11–2022, before Notary Seshagiri.B.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
(Whomsoever it may concern)
I may inform you who were consend that ministry of communication employees co-operative society limited Reg No.B.A.R.B.I/Reg/2243/7273 represented by President N. Damodaran as first part, K.T.Mathew R.M.S Layout Sanjaya Nagar R.M.V IInd Stage extention Bangalore 560094 second as purchaser 1995.May.28 dated the society owned B.D.A site No.683 Sagagara Nagara situated Ylahnka Hobli B.N.T.Q 136.14 Sq metre SE No.684 by W.Road,N Road S.No. 710.
The Sale deed by said N.Damodaran in favour of above said K.T.Mathew as purchaser. The original document is lost as irrecoverably lost if anybody have any objection,knowledge about the document,please inform me,with in 15 days otherwise the copy will be treated as orginal for transactions below Phone No. 94959 92375 (K.T.Mathew)
Adv. Simon Thomas

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of General Public that our Clients are intending to purchase immovable property bearing No. 35, formed in Residential converted Land in Sy No. 19/1, khatha No. 19/1/3, Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Village, BETQ, (vide conversion order O.M. No. ALN.(E.B.B)SR:216/2011-12, dated 16/4/2012) measuring E-W : on the Northern Side 48 ft, on the Southern Side 47 ft 9 inches and N-S on the Eastern Side 44 ft 6 inches and on the Western Side 30 ft, in all measuring 1783.343 sq. ft, from its owner MADAIAH.S, S/o., Late. Mr. Subramani, No. 12, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Near Kateramma Temple, Nanjappa Reddy Layout, Maragondanahalli, B'lore-36. Any person/s having objections to the said transactions can register their claim/s with documentary evidence with the undersigned within 15 days of publication hereof, failing which, our clients will proceed with the transactions and any claim/s received thereafter will not be entertained.
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ADVOCATES
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‘My job at Chelsea was not finished... I came here to close a cycle’

Thomas Tuchel, who was in Kerala recently for Ayurvedic rejuvenation therapy, speaks about his time at Stamford Bridge, the competitiveness of the Premier League, his managerial future and who he will be keeping an eye on at the World Cup

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INTERVIEW

Thomas Tuchel

P.K. Ajith Kumar

A picture of Thomas Tuchel with a fan at the Kochi airport popped up on social media last month. ‘He is going to be the assistant coach of Kerala Blasters,’ someone joked.

He hadn’t spoken after being sacked by Chelsea in September. So nobody knew what he was up to. Speculation had run rife about the future of the man who led Chelsea to Champions League glory and guided Paris Saint-Germain to back-to-back Ligue 1 titles.

That picture on social media suggested that the 49-year-old German, widely considered one of the best managers in world football, was in India. He indeed was – at the Sitaram Beach Retreat in Thrissur in central Kerala, to be precise, for Ayurvedic rejuvenation therapy.

Although he had been reluctant to speak all along, he relented in the end. And he spoke at length – a few hours before catching the flight back home. Excerpts:

How do you look back at your days at Chelsea?
I loved every day at Chelsea. It came to an end too early for me. But it was out of my hands. This is also what you sign up for. You sign up for the good things if you’re a football coach, but sometimes things are out of your hands; you have to accept it and make the best out of the situation.

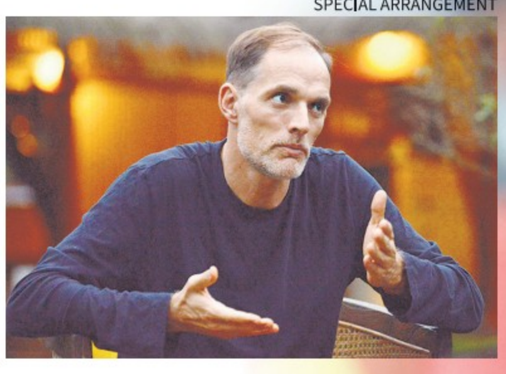
Are you still a bit upset with the way you had to leave Chelsea?
Yes, I am upset. And I am sad because I think my job at Chelsea was not finished. I had a fantastic relationship with the players. We had a fantastic relationship with all the staff. We had overcome an incredibly demanding time in change of ownership and being sanctioned [by the UK government]. And before that we had COVID-19. So it was pretty demanding, but it was also very, very bonding. So we did this together, and I was in for the long run. I was ready to go a long way because I felt happy, but the owners had a different idea, and you have to accept it.

How do you look back at Chelsea’s magnificent Champions League campaign in 2020-21?
It is the highest level of a tournament you can play. There are so many close games; the level is so high you can never expect to win it. When I look back, I think we played the role of an underdog. The focus was on the [Premier] League when I joined Chelsea. The club was placed ninth in the league, and we wanted to make it to fourth place if we wanted to qualify [for the following season’s Champions League]. Even that [qualifying] was quite an achievement.

> I loved every day at Chelsea. It came to an end too early for me. But it was out of my hands. This is also what you sign up for

You played several memorable games on route to the title. Which are your favourite ones?
The semifinal win against Real Madrid was special. It was during COVID-19 and there were no spectators. The [first-leg] match was at the training ground of Real Madrid. The circumstances helped us a little bit, but we made the best out of it. There were many games that I was really happy with – the ones against Real Madrid [2-0 at home], Atletico Madrid [2-0 at home], Porto [2-0 away] and the final [1-0, against Manchester City].

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



What brought you to Kerala?
I was curious. One of my assistant coaches, Benjamin Weber, was here six years ago. He told me good things about this place. I have always been aware of the principles of Ayurveda. After a long period of coaching, there was a possibility of taking a break for me, so I came here. I came here to close a cycle, after my spell in Paris and then directly in Chelsea. It was almost like four years in a row. Both leagues have 20 teams

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> Brazil, France, Argentina, Germany and England [are my picks for the World Cup]. Belgium and Senegal [could spring surprises]. And don’t forget Spain

and two cups and, of course, the Champions League campaigns. So a lot of matches. Also on a private level, it was a nice moment for me to close some things and to restart.

How has the experience been?
It was a fantastic experience. I feel energised. I feel calm. I could not have expected more. I would recommend this to everybody who wants to discipline the body and the mind.

What could your next assignment be?
I haven’t made a decision yet. It is now time for me to take a break. Some clubs have been calling my manager but we agreed that he would not call me here for these past 18 days.

Will you be tempted to coach a national side for a change?
Yeah. Why not? I would, I would. I did not give too much thought to it until now. But I would consider if it is the right team and if it has the potential to win trophies like the World Cup and Euro. If it is a competitive team, it’s a competitive nation, why not? But it’s not my main focus.

What if an offer came from England?
(Laughs) I see where you are going. But I think England has a good coach right now. The team is very, very strong and very talented. I think they will have a good campaign [at the World Cup]. As for everything else, I will not comment.

Your thoughts on Kylian Mbappe, whom you worked with at PSG?
He was a fantastic player at Monaco, too. He is one of the best strikers in the world. He is still young and there is the future ahead of him. He will still grow and he will still improve his game. And he’s always hungry to win, always hungry to score goals. There’s no limit to his capacity.

He is one of the key players for France at this World Cup.

Your top teams for the World Cup?
Brazil, France, Argentina, Germany and England. Belgium and Senegal [could spring surprises]. And don’t forget Spain. At the World Cup, I am looking forward to watching the players I trained.

Why is the Premier League the world’s most popular football league? Is it the toughest league for a manager, too?
I agree one hundred percent, because the level of competition is so high. The best coaches work in the Premier League and the best players play in it. And they play not just in two or three clubs. They play in six, seven or eight clubs. So almost every weekend, every three days, you have at least one or two [great] matches. Being in this league is really demanding. It is, at the moment, the best place to be as a player. And as a coach, let’s say not the best, but the most competitive.

GAME THEORY

Best end product in Bundesliga 2022-23

We take a look at the players with the most goals and assists in German football’s top flight after 12 rounds. Bayern Munich’s teen sensation Jamal Musiala is the only one to feature in the top five of both lists

Christopher Nkunku

Niclas Fullkrug

Marcus Thuram

Randal Kolo Muani

Alassane Plea

Most goals

Player	Club	Games	Minutes	Goals	Goals per 90
Christopher Nkunku	Leipzig	12	1,015	9	0.80
Niclas Fullkrug	Werder	12	1,070	9	0.76
Marcus Thuram	Gladbach	12	1,080	8	0.67
Jamal Musiala	Bayern	11	760	7	0.83
Daichi Kamada	Eintracht	11	784	7	0.80
Sadio Mane	Bayern	12	829	6	0.65
Sheraldo Becker	Union Berlin	12	884	6	0.61
Vincenzo Grifo	Freiburg	12	933	6	0.58
Leroy Sane	Bayern	10	694	5	0.65
Jesper Lindstrom	Eintracht	11	717	5	0.63
Florian Kainz	Koln	11	807	5	0.56
Ermedin Demirovic	Augsburg	12	906	5	0.50
Jeremie Frimpong	Leverkusen	12	925	5	0.49
Dodi Lukebakio	Hertha	12	1,017	5	0.44

Most Assists

Player	Club	Games	Minutes	Assists	Assists per 90
Randal Kolo Muani	Eintracht	11	854	7	0.74
Alassane Plea	Gladbach	9	653	5	0.69
Dominik Szoboszlai	Leipzig	10	699	5	0.64
Mergim Berisha	Augsburg	7	578	4	0.62
Jamal Musiala	Bayern	11	760	4	0.47
Florian Kainz	Koln	11	807	4	0.45
Paulo Otavio	Wolfsburg	10	864	4	0.42

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Stretching limits

Great Britain’s Ondine Achampong competes on the balance beam during the ongoing 2022 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships at M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool, England.

The weeklong marquee event, which concludes on Sunday, features more than 500 gymnasts from 75 countries. The official website describes the competition as one “where power meets poise, expression meets precision, and artistry meets ambition on a global stage”.

The championships also serve as a qualification event for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Artistic gymnastics is a discipline in which athletes perform short routines on different apparatus. This includes the floor, pommel horse, still rings, vault, parallel bars, horizontal bar, uneven bars and balance beam.

The competition dates back to 1903, when the first edition was held in Antwerp, Belgium; only male gymnasts competed. Women’s events were introduced in the tenth edition in Budapest in 1934 and have been held together with men’s events ever since.

Vitaly Scherbo (12 gold, 7 silver, 4 bronze) and Simone Biles (19 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze) are the most decorated male and female gymnasts respectively in the history of the World Championships.

SC commutes serial killer's death penalty to life imprisonment

The court said cop-turned-serial killer B.A. Umesh was kept in solitary confinement for 10 years without the sanction of law

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday commuted the death penalty for cop-turned-serial killer B.A. Umesh, nicknamed 'Ripper', to life sentence on the grounds that he was kept in solitary confinement for 10 years, from the date of his death sentence to the disposal of his mercy petition, without the sanction of law.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit ordered that Umesh should not be considered for remission before he serves 30 years of his sentence.

"We impose upon him a sentence of life imprisonment with a rider that he shall undergo a minimum sentence of 30 years and if any application for remission is moved on his behalf, the same shall be considered on its own merits only after he has undergone an actual sentence of 30 years. If no remission is granted, it goes without saying that the sentence of imprisonment for life shall mean till the remainder of his life," Chief Justice Lalit, who authored the judgment, directed.

The court noted that Umesh was in solitary confinement from 2006, the year he was admitted to prison, till the rejection of his mercy petition by the President in 2013. He was further kept in solitary till 2016.

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The case dealt with the sexual assault and murder of a widow in her mid-thirties at Bhuvaneshwarinagar in Bengaluru over 18 years ago

"Segregation of a convict from the day when he was awarded death sentence till his mercy petition was disposed of, would be in violation of the law laid down by the Supreme Court," Chief Justice Lalit observed.

In Umesh's case, the court found that his solitary confinement and segregation from 2006 to 2013 were without the sanction of law and completely opposed to the principles laid down by this court. The court said Umesh was diagnosed to be suffering from psychosis and depression due to his prolonged solitary incarceration.

Umesh was convicted on the basis of the sole eyewitness evidence of his victim's seven-year-old son, who chanced upon his mother's murderer leaving their home with a bag in hand.

The case dealt with the sexual assault and murder of a widow in her mid-thirties at Bhuvaneshwarinagar in Bengaluru over 18 years ago.

On a fateful day in February 1998, the victim had returned with her seven-year-old son after school. He had gone out to play. On his return, he saw the convict in the hall of their apartment with a bag in hand. Umesh introduced himself as 'uncle Venkatesh', and while leaving told the boy that his mother was "possessed with some evil spirits" and he was going out to call the doctor. The boy went inside to find his mother dead and lying in a pool of blood.

The police later caught up with Umesh while he was committing another robbery two days later.

Mechanic killed in freak accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Allabaksh, a 65-year-old mechanic, was killed after the air compressor at his tyre puncture-mending shop exploded due to suspected leakage in Hoskote on Friday morning.

The impact of the explosion was so high that the body of Allabaksh was mangled and the shop was damaged.

Neighboring shop owners rushed to help and alerted the Nandagudi police, who shifted the body for postmortem and have taken up a case of unnatural death.

An inquiry by the police revealed that Allabaksh, from Kolar, was running the puncture shop for the last five years. He has left behind his family, comprising his wife and three children. The police suspect that leakage in the air compressor could have led to the explosion and are investigating further.

Online betting racket: Cricket bookie held

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The Special Enquiry Wing of the Central Crime Branch arrested a bookie running an online cricket betting racket for the India Bangladesh T-20 match on Thursday.

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12	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೊಲ್ಲಮೊಗ್ರು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಕೂಡು ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ	50.00	62500/–	ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.
13	(1) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೊಲ್ಲಮೊಗ್ರು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳ ಉನ್ನತೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. (2) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೊಲ್ಲಮೊಗ್ರು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೆಲಸ (2ನೇ ಹಂತ – ಪ್ರಾ ಆ ಕೇ. ದುರಸ್ತಿ/ನವೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ) (ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–1)	50.00	125000/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
14	(1) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಗುತ್ತಿಗಾರು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮುಂಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪೌಂಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಗುತ್ತಿಗಾರು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮುಂಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪೌಂಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಹಂತ – ಪ್ರಾ ಆ ಕೇ. ದುರಸ್ತಿ/ನವೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ) (ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–2)	45.00	112500/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
15	(1)ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಬೆಳ್ಳಾರೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮುಂಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪೌಂಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2) ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸುಳ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಬೆಳ್ಳಾರೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಮುಂಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪೌಂಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಹಂತ –ಪ್ರಾ ಆ ಕೇ. ದುರಸ್ತಿ/ನವೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ) (ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–3)	43.00	56250/–	ಎಸ್.ಟಿ
	4210–80–800–0–01–422 (ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ) (ವೆಚ್ಚವಾಗದ ಅನುದಾನ–2013) ಯೋಜನೆ			
1	ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಟಿ.ನರಸೀಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಗರ್ಗೇಶ್ವರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎ.ಎನ್.ಎಮ್ ಟ್ರೈನಿಂಗ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	72.75	181875/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
2	ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಚನ್ನಪಿಳ್ಳೆಕೊಪ್ಪಲು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಆವರಣ ಗೋಡೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	21.25	53125/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
3	ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಪೂರಿಗಾಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಆವರಣ ಗೋಡೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	21.50	53750/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
4	ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಿರುಗಾವಲು ಸಮುದಾಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಆವರಣ ಗೋಡೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	30.00	37500/–	ಎಸ್.ಸಿ
5	ಹಾಸನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕಾರ್ಲೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	14.25	35625/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
6	ಹಾಸನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಗೊರೂರು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	15.00	18750/–	ಎಸ್.ಸಿ
7	ಹಾಸನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬೀಕನ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	7.00	17500/–	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
8	ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಹೊರನಾಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ ತಡೆಗೋಡೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಪ್ರೋಚ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	36.25	45313/–	ಎಸ್.ಟಿ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳು: 1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **21.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. 2.** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **22.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 16.01 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. ಸೂಚನೆ:** ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಆಹುಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/625/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE /AEE-4/F-T6/2022-23/ 4187 Dt: 03.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites Bids against **Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-4/T-9/22-23/EPR-724 Dt. 03.11.2022 for** Supply of 4 nos of i5 DESKTOP COMPUTER with accessories and windows professional Liscenced including MS Office, installation & demonstration of the same confirming to our Technical Specifications, F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis including all applicable GST under Transmission (Maintenance), KPTCL, BRAZ Circle, Bengaluru.

Bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.11.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elec.),
Transmission (Maintenance),
BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal,
Bengaluru-560024, Ph: 080-23415347.

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division,
Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 30/22-23 Date: 02.11.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 42 works through manual and e-proc coming under Chikkamagaluru, Tarikere, Mudigere, Koppa and Kadur Taluk Public Works Department sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contAract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 1.00 lakh and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 980.00 lakhs. For the Tender called through manual for 1 work eligible contractors should pay the prescribed fee and submit application requesting blank Tender Form on 15.11.2022 & 16.11.2022 and obtain blank Tender Form on 21.11.2022 and submit filled Tenders on 22.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM. For Tender to be submitted through e-proc for 42 works (on 21.11.2022 for 8 works, on 09.11.2022 for 8 works, on 23.11.2022 for 2 works, on 17.11.2022 for 1 work, on 15.11.2022 for 9 works, on 08.12.2022 for 1 work, on 16.11.2022 for 9 works, on 25.11.2022 for 1 work and on 19.11.2022 for 1 work within 4.00 PM and on 09.11.2022 for 1 work within 4.20 PM on everyday) tender should be submitted. In case these days are declared as holidays the next days will be considered. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,
Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

DIPR/ckm/No.183/mca/22-23/1196

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Mandya

No. 11 /2022-2023 Dated: 03-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR
Improvements / Construction to road works in Mandya District

Tender in One / Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW- 3&4. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Pre-bid Meeting only for KW-4, Works will be held on 01-12-2022 (More than 100.00 Lakhs only) at 11.00 am in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya. Documents may be downloaded from 14-12-2022. Last date for Queries 05-12-2022 upto 4.00 pm, Last date for submission of tender 05-12-2022 upto 4.30 pm, Date of opening Technical bid 06-12-2022 at 5.00 pm onwards, Financial bid above Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 08-12-2022 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 6/9 months, Number of works: 3, Estimate Amount Maximum **Rs. 500.00** Lakhs, Minimum **Rs. 75.00** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspaper and further changes will be updated only in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- EE., PWD Division, Mandya

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
Office of the Estate Officer,
Krishinagar, Dharwad-580 005
Fax: +91-836-2441188, Phone : +91-836-2440288
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No.EO/UASD/CESA/2022-23 Date : 03/11/2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest is invited for the Appointment of System Integrator for inviting suggestions from Contractors / tenderers / Service providers in establishment of CESA(Centre of Excellence in Smart Agriculture)Project on turn-key basis through E-procurement from eligible System Integrators for the tasks mentioned below. The vendors shall have requisite experience in System Intgretion Field. The details of the notifications and conditions etc., can be had with bid document by visiting the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Name of work	EMD Rs.	Validity Period
1	Appointment of System Integrator for establishment of CESA(Centre of Excellence in Smart Agriculture) Project on turn-key basis at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad.	-NIL-	60 days

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries /Clarifications	**06-11-2022**	Up to	16.00 Hrs
2	Last Date & Time for Receipt of proposals	**10-11-2022**	To	17.00 Hrs
3	Date & Time for Opening of proposals	**12-11-2022**	At	17.15 Hrs

The interested System Integrators need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For more details, please contact ph. No: **080-23010900**, The Consultants are requested to get updated with corrigendum/addendum (if any) issued online at the following e-Procurement website in the entire tender process. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

The date of negotiations will be intimated soon after the opening of financial bid. The University reserves the right at its absolute discretion to proceed or cancel with the tender at any stage before awarding the work.

DIPR/Dharwad/MCA/714/2022-23 **Sd/- Estate Officer**

KARNATAKA STATE TOWN PLANNING BOARD
Director of Town & Country Planning and Member Secretary, Karnataka
e-mail:jdtpstpb@karnataka.gov.in | website: www.kstpb.dtcp.gov.in

No: KSTPB/06/Tender-MTS/2022-23 Date:04.11.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed firms for supply of Multi tasking Staff for the office of Member Secretary, Karnataka State Town Planning Board, Gate No.4, Multistoried Building, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001 through e-procurement portal. Tender Document on e-Procurement platform will be published on **05.11.2022 at 11.00 Hours.** The last date for submission of bid is **21.11.2022 upto 17.00 Hours**. Date and time of opening of Technical bid is **24.11.2022 at 11.00 Hours** and Date of opening of financial bid is **28.11.2022 at 11.00 Hours.**

Prescribed tender form along with NIT, terms & conditions etc., can be obtained / downloaded from and submitted through e-procurement portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

DIPR/CP/JA/2917/2022-23 **Sd/- Deputy Director,**

Government of Karnataka
FOREST DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & FIELD DIRECTORS, PROJECT TIGER, BANDIPUR, GUNDLUPET
Ph & Fax : 08229-236043/60 Email : directorbandipur@gmail.com
Web : www.bandipurtigerreserve.in

No. A4/BUD/CR 52/Tender/Barricade/2022-23 Date : 02-11-2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

It is hereby informed to the General Public that, According to the KTPP Act 1999 Chapter 5 Rule 17(2), during the year 2022-23 tender has been called through E-Procurement to taken up the Rails Transportation and Erection of Railway barricade in Moliyur Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve. **Total number of works 04, Maximum amount is Rs. 58.00 lakhs, Minimum amount is Rs. 53.40 lakhs, EMD Maximum amount is Rs. 1.160 lakhs, Minimum amount is Rs. 1.068 lakhs. The last date of submit the tenderes through E-Procurement Portal is 16th November 2022, 16.00 Hrs. Technical Bid will be opened on 21st November 2022 and Financial Bid will be opened on 22nd November 2022. In case, no bids received for the above works retender will be called on 30th November 2022 and separate notification will not be issued in this regard.** Interested registered contractors can participate in the tender through E-procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). For further details can contact the undersigned office in office hours.

Sd/- Conservator of Forests & Field Director,
Project Tiger, Bandipur

DIPR : CHANAGAR:383:2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, 2nd Floor,
Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road,
M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru – 560040

No. EE(GRN)/TN/GL-23/2022-23 Dated : 02-11-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) (Single Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in (Lakhs)	EMD Amount (In Rs.)
	Reserved for SC		
1	Repair and Renovation of Namma Clinic at Ward No. 148 Govindarajanagara Ward, Govindarajanagara Constituency, Bengaluru.	3.90	10,000/-

Eligibility of Contractors : As per KW-1 Standard Tender Document. **Class of Contractors :** Civil Contractor Class – 3, 4 & above.
Following shall be the Calendar of Events for Tendering : (1) Last date and time for receipt of tenders : **14-11-2022 upto 16:00 Hours. (2)** Date and time for opening of Financial Bid : **15-11-2022 at 16:30 Hours.**
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. Aspiring Bidders, Contractors who have not registered in e-procurement should register before participating through the website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement Helpdesk at 080-22485867 / 22485927.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Govindarajanagar Division, BBMP

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, 12th Main, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, BBMP, Bengaluru.

No: EE/MLP/TEND/E-PROC/14/2022-23 Date: 03-11-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, BBMP for the works detailed below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Bid Documents - KW-1 & KW-2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
	OTHERS - (2ND CALL)		
1	Desilting of Drains & Other allied Works at Vulnerable Points in Ward No. 50 (Old Ward No. 44), Marappanapalya	**40.00**	**80000.00**
2	Desilting of Drains & Other allied Works at Vulnerable Points in Ward No. 51 (Old Ward No. 67), Nagapura	**40.00**	**80000.00**
3	Desilting of Drains & Other allied Works at Vulnerable Points in Ward No. 53 (Old Ward No. 43), Nandini Layout	**40.00**	**80000.00**
4	Desilting of Drains & Other allied Works at Vulnerable Points in Ward No. 55, Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar Ward	**40.00**	**80000.00**
5	Desilting of Drains & Other allied Works at Vulnerable Points in Ward No. 56 (Old Ward No. 75), Shankarmutt	**40.00**	**80000.00**
	Reserved for SC (SCHEDULE CASTE) - (2ND CALL)		
6	Desilting of Drains & Other allied Works at

Three-member team to probe death of woman, twins in Tumakuru; 4 suspended

At the district hospital in Tumakuru, the woman was told to produce her Aadhaar card and thayi (mother) card, which she did not have. She was refused admission and told to go to Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the shocking incident of a 35-year-old woman and her twin babies dying during delivery in her house after she was denied treatment at the Tumakuru district hospital on November 3, the Karnataka government set up a three-member committee to probe the incident.

The government has suspended gynaecologist Dr. Usha. A.R., and staff nurses Yashodha B.Y., Savitha and Divya Bharathi.

In a series of tweets, Minister for Health and Family Welfare K. Sudhakar said, "Considering the gravity of negligence of duty in the case, I have ordered setting up a three-member committee headed by the Commissioner of Health Department to inquire into this incident. The committee will submit the report in two weeks. If found guilty, the suspended will be dismissed with initiation of legal action against them."

He urged doctors and hospital staff to 'take an appropriate measures to make sure such incidents are never repeated in future'. "The department has re-issued the order making it very clear to first treat patients in critical conditions at all costs," he said.

Ordeal of the woman

The woman is a native of Tamil Nadu. She had moved to Tumakuru a month ago. She was living in Bharathinagar along with her six-year-old daughter. The woman developed labour pain on November 2 night and managed to reach the hospital with the help of her neighbour.

However, at the hospital, she was told to produce her Aadhaar card and thayi (mother) card, which she did not have. She was refused admission and told to go to Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru.

Not having money to travel to Bengaluru, she returned to her residence and delivered the babies early in the morning. However, after the first baby was delivered, she developed complications and started bleeding. Unattended, she died along with her babies.

Woman, newborns, cremated in Tumakuru; six-year-old to be under govt.'s care

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Kasthuri and her two newborns were given a quiet cremation in Tumakuru after the authorities struggled to trace her relatives and people known to her on Friday. Her orphaned elder six-year-old daughter will now be under the government's care till she turns 18.

Kasthuri, who died on Thursday after being denied treatment at a government hospital in Tumakuru, was a native of Kallakuurichi in Tamil Nadu. She had moved to Tumakuru a month ago. She was living in Bharathinagar along with her daughter.

She did not have any relatives and friends in Tumakuru. However, the district administration and police were finally successful in finding relatives in Bengaluru on Friday. Ramesh and Shobha reached Tumakuru in the evening, and with their consent, the district administration conducted the postmortem of the bodies.

Ramesh and Shobha did not wish to take the bodies to either Bengaluru or Tamil Nadu. With their consent, the district administration performed the cremation at Tumakuru late evening.

K. Naganna Gowda, Chairman of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, visiting Tumakuru district hospital on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Ramesh, who works as driver in Bengaluru, said, "Kasthuri was the wife of my mother's brother. Since one and half years, we didn't have any contact with the family. We also didn't know about her husband's death or when and why she came to Tumakuru. On Thursday, the Tumakuru police called one of our relatives in Tamil Nadu. Then, they called and informed us about the incident. Finally, I contacted Tumakuru police and got the complete information." The concern now, he said, is Kasthuri's 6-year-old daughter, Shankari. "Now, her future is our main concern. We requested the district administration to hand over the girl to us. However, the district administration has rejected our appeal and now the girl is in the protection of district Child Welfare Committee (CWC)," Mr. Ramesh said.

Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar has said the girl has been admitted to orphanage home and a fixed deposit of ₹5 lakh has been made in the girl's name from the government. The government will also take care of her education, he announced.

Hospital visit

Meanwhile, K. Naganna Gowda, Chairman of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), who visited Tumakuru and took a review meeting with the district administration as well as visited the district hospital and verified the situation, told *The Hindu*, "Now, the 6 year old child is taking shelter in the district CWC. The girl is very disturbed from this incident and needs some relaxation. We will provide some special arrangements for her. The relatives of the woman had requested to hand over the child to them. But there is no legal provision to hand over the child to the relatives. Therefore, we rejected their appeal. The government has already announced free education and free shelter up to the age of 18 years for her. We will take care of the girl."

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>
> **RAMESH**
> a relative

'Laws will be amended for action against errant doctors'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Necessary amendments to laws will be brought in the next session of the Assembly to take action against errant doctors and staff in government hospitals, Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said on Friday, a day after the death of a pregnant woman and her twins in Tumakuru District Hospital.

"If doctors and staff in government hospitals misbehave with people, they will be terminated from service. I will speak to the Chief Minister and if need be, we will bring necessary amendments to laws in the next session of the Assembly," he said.

Speaking about the incident, he said, "The girl who has now lost her mother has been admitted to an orphanage. A fixed deposit of ₹5 lakh has been made in the girl's name from the government. The government will also take care of her education. District surgeon, doctors and other staff who are found to be responsible for this have been issued a showcase notice and have been asked to respond within 24 hours."

"Incidents like these must never repeat. In cases of emergency, hospitals should not insist on documents. Documents can be collected after attending to emergency. There are about 76 notified emergency services and instructions are already in place to not deny treatment in such cases. In case treatment is not available in government hospitals, people can avail it in private hospitals also and government will bear the cost," he added.

Irrespective of which state the woman belonged to, she should have been treated at the hospital on humanitarian grounds, he said.

Five held in wildlife poaching racket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Range forest officials of Chitradurga district, with the help of the honorary wildlife warden, unearthed an inter-State black buck poaching racket and arrested a gang of five, including a 21-year-old sales girl from Challekere who was allegedly operating the ring.

The officials seized four blackbuck skins, three kgs of pangolin scales and a live blackbuck which the accused were about to slaughter for a feast. The police also recovered two country-made muzzle load guns which they had used to hunt the animals in the reserve forest area.

Based on a tip-off, a team comprising RFO Vasanth Kumar and Wildlife warden Raghuram H.G. approached the accused, identified as Ankita, through WhatsApp, posing as clients.

The officials seized four blackbuck skins, three kg of pangolin scales, a live blackbuck, and two country-made muzzle load guns from the accused. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The accused would contact their clients on WhatsApp and send photos of the wildlife articles they proposed to sell. They would approach their clients through code words, Mr. Vasanth Kumar told *The Hindu*.

The accused would use the term 'cigarette' for ivory, '*gaddige chaape*' (mat used in the ashrams and muthas) for skin and 'nail polish' for tiger nails. This was to avoid catching the attention of officials, he added.

Ankita worked as a salesgirl at a hardware shop during the day and ganged up with her fiancee and friends to hunt in the forest area. Her fiancee and friends are farmers and landlords and their favourite past time was hunting, officials said. Ankita played a major role looking after sales and contacting clients to clinch deals. She had established contact with notorious poachers in Andhra Pradesh and would carry the skin and articles to Andhra Pradesh to sell. While returning, she would get the gun powder and ammunition for the weapons, Mr. Vasanth Kumar said.

The officials are now on the lookout for Thippayya from Andhra Pradesh, who was the main source for Ankita to buy wildlife articles.

The accused would venture into Chitradurga forest area to hunt and feast on the meat and take the skin out of the animal. The pangolin they would catch and put it in boiling water to remove the scales, and the accused would consume the meat and sell the scales saying it has medicinal value, Mr. Raghuram, honourary wildlife warden, who was part of the operation, said.

INBRIEF

Plaint against Rahul for using song without permission

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh and Supriya Shrinate have been booked under the Copyright Act, 1957, and various sections of the IT Act, 2000, for using the Hindi version of a popular song from KGF-2 in their promotional video during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The complainant is M. Naveen Kumar, the owner of MRT music. The complainant has claimed that he has the absolute statutory right to enjoy copyright content by granting license to various entities, including film producers, TV and radio, websites, mobile applications and OTT platforms. The complainant said the accused posted two videos using the KGF-2 song, which is unauthorised and illegal.

Azim Premji University celebrates India's rivers

'Rivers of Life – A journey through India's Rivers', a celebration of nature as seen through the country's myriad rivers, its cultural influences, role in livelihood, vibrant biodiversity, and the people behind its conservation, kicked off on Friday at the Azim Premji University.

The festival will feature an evocative photo exhibition and will see participation from folk singers, conservationists, academicians, and storytellers who will share their unique experiences around diverse river landscapes.

'Rivers of Life' is the first in a series of initiatives Azim Premji University plans to launch to shine a light on our relationship with nature and mounting environmental concerns demanding immediate attention.

The programme is on till November 16 and will see various events each day across venues at the university. Admission to 'Rivers of Life' is free. Visit https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/rivers-of-life for details.

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Leopard runs amok in K.R. Nagar; 2 injured

The wild animal was first sighted near a school on Mullur Road; activists say commotion could have been avoided had people not created a ruckus

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

At least two persons were injured when a leopard ran amok on the streets of K.R. Nagar in Mysuru district. The wild animal was trapped and released in Nagarahole National Park on Friday.

The leopard was first sighted near a school on Mullur Road.

A video, which has gone viral on social media, indicates that the leopard tried to jump over a wall and get on a parapet. But, it failed to make it to the parapet and fell on the ground.

It ran towards the road with the intention of attacking a stray dog. But a person on a two-wheeler happened to cross the leopard's path. The animal pounced on him and threw him off balance.

Luckily for the motorcyclist, the leopard did not latch on to him. The animal scampered towards the adjoining thicket. But, a Forest Department personnel, who had tried to scare the leopard in a bid to save the motorcyclist, pelted a stone at the animal, and attracted the wrath of the animal.

Video grab of the leopard in K.R. Nagar on Friday.

Before the blink of the eye, the leopard emerged from the bushes and chased the personnel who suffered injuries during his bid to escape from the animal.

Health check-up

P.A. Seema, Deputy Conservator of Forests of Hunsur, said the field staff and another person suffered minor injuries. Later, the leopard was cornered and tranquilised before being captured and put in a cage.

Ms. Seema said the animal is a female and weighed about 40 kg. After a health check-up, the leopard was released in the Nagarahole National Park.

Wildlife activists claim that the commotion could have been avoided had the people not congregated or created a ruckus. When cornered and pelted with stones, wild animals tend to panic and attack everyone. Hence, they say it will be better for the villagers to stay indoors for their own safety. It will also help Forest Department staff in their combing operation and in capturing the animal with ease, claim the activists.

Now, video consult with vets via 'Dr. Pashu' app

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

A farmer who is unable to quickly access the service of a veterinary doctor for his cattle or a person in Bengaluru can now opt for video consultation through an app.

In a bid to tackle the problem of shortage of veterinary doctors, a startup comprising two engineers and a veterinary doctor has launched an app "Dr. Pashu" which links farmers and pet owners anywhere in India with veterinary doctors for consultation through video call.

The startup was incubated by the NaaVic, Agribusiness Incubation Centre at the National Institute Of Veterinary Epidemiology And Disease Informatics of Indian Council of Agricultural Sciences, with a financial grant of ₹10 lakh. The startup has displayed its services at Krishi Mela of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru.

"The app has the facility to upload photos and details related to the health issue. Users can choose the language of their preference. Based on the requirements including category of animal, a veterinary doctor will be connected with the caller," explains Kumar B.M., alumnus of IIM-Ahmedabad, who has co-founded the app along with Nikhil Gupta, alumnus of MIT, and Suresh, a veterinary doctor.

The doctor will examine the issue and also prescribe medicine if need be, he notes. While the first call would be charged ₹29, the subsequent calls would be charged ₹99, he said.

"The service is confined to cow, buffalo, goat/sheep, pig, chicken, besides dog and cat among pets," says Mr. Kumar. "Our focus was mainly on southern States when we launched the app in April this year. But we have been getting calls from Gujarat and Rajasthan too," he says. So far, about 12,000 farmers and pet owners have enrolled themselves through the app.

The startup has enlisted the services of over 20 doctors so far, while the process of verification of documents is going on with respect to others. In future, the founders of the app want to introduce online delivery of veterinary medicines too.

Presently, the consultation by doctors is available in eight languages - Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Assamese, Bengali, Hindi, and English.

Crowd at Krishi Mela swells to 2.45 lakh on second day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The crowd at the Krishi Mela being organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru at its GKVK campus in Bengaluru has started swelling as over 2.45 lakh people visited on the second day on Friday. As many as 1.6 lakh persons had visited the mela on its inaugural day on Thursday. The number is expected to go up in the next two days as it is a weekend.

Meanwhile, the total volume of the business transaction by the stalls increased to ₹2.1 crore from ₹1.12 crore registered on the first day. In addition to farmers, a large number of youth, especially girls, visited the mela.

Visitors at Krishi Mela at Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra in Bengaluru on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The farm machinery exhibition, stalls by self-help groups and live crop demonstration plots drew huge crowds. District-level and taluk-level awards for best farmers and farm women were presented on the occasion.

Bake cookies and cupcakes at mela

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The ongoing Krishi Mela of the UAS-B is drawing baking enthusiasts as the University's Bakery Training Unit is providing a hands-on experience to interested visitors by allowing them to bake their own cookies and cupcakes besides cake decoration.

Visitors being guided on baking at Krishi Mela on Friday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We charge ₹20 for baking coconut cookies, ₹30 for cupcakes, and ₹30 for cake decoration. The raw material will be provided by the bakery training unit. The participants will also be guided by the experts on the scientific methods of choosing and blending ingredients besides baking," said Savita S. Manganavar, who heads BTU. The main intention is to create awareness among people about the need to use quality raw materials from the health point of view, she said.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, NOV. 05
RISE 06:14 SET 17:52
RISE 15:50 SET 03:23

SUNDAY, NOV. 06
RISE 06:15 SET 17:52
RISE 16:29 SET 04:14

MONDAY, NOV. 07
RISE 06:15 SET 17:52
RISE 17:09 SET 05:05

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	30	21
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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No. EEP/e-tender/693 Dated: 28.10.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

E-tenders are published in GoK e-portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under **"GOODS"** category on **22.10.2022, 27.10.2022, 28.10.2022** as per RTPS requirements. **Tender No.& BRIEF DETAILS OF GOODS: Procurement of: 1) RTPS/MRP81/G/21-22/1609/CALL-5** Railway track materials such as Beaters, Rail cutting M/C, etc. **EMD: Rs. 4,195/-. 2) RTPS/MRP30/ G/21-22/4249/CALL-2** Gas cutting torch, Cutogen nozzle, etc. **EMD: Rs. 11,900/-. 3) RTPS/MRP11/G/21-22/3321/CALL-5** Insulating materials, transmission and distribution line materials. **EMD: Rs. 6,800/-. 4) RTPS/MRP10/G/21-22/4262/CALL-3** Festoon cables for all projects. **EMD: Rs. 58,200/-. 5) EEP/ET/EE(P)/RTPS/22-23/470** New Mahindra Bolero pickup for RTPS. **EMD: Rs. 23,000/-. 6) EEP/ET/EE(P)/RTPS/22-23/471** New Mahindra Bolero for RTPS. **EMD: Rs. 13,000/-.** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: For Sl. No. 1 to 4: **14.11.2022, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 5 & 6: **07.11.2022, 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Purchase),** RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584 170, Dist. Raichur. Mobile: 94495 96527. E-mail: eeprtps@gmail.com

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No: PCB/193/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/5214 **Date: 04.11.2022**

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

M/s. Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Ltd., has proposed Iron Ore production from 1.60 to 4.50 MTPA with total excavation of 26.42 MTPA (Iron Ore ROM- 7.85 MTPA, Manganese Ore ROM- 1.30 MTPA, Top Soil- 0.19 MTPA & Waste- 17.04 MTPA) along with proposed 7.0 MTPA Ore Beneficiation Plant, 1.2 km Down Hill conveyor system & 0.15 MTPA Crushing & Screening Plant over an area of 1860.10 Hectares located at Swamymalai and Ramanamalai forest blocks at Deogiri, Kammaturu, Subbarayanahalli & Ramgad Villages, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka,. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF, Government of India, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the MoEF, Government of India, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. F. No. IA-J-11015/45/2021-IA-II (M) dated: 14.01.2022 and request of the project proponent letter at Head Office dated 30.09.2022, and the Regional Officer, Ballari letter dated: 28.10.2022 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the mine & Registered Office address: M/s. Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Ltd., Satyalaya, Door No. 266 (Old No. 80) Behind Taluka Office Palace Road, Ward No. 1, Sandu Taluk, Ballari District- 583119.

2. Location of proposed Factory: Swamymalai and Ramanamalai forest blocks at Deogiri, Kammaturu, Subbarayanahalli & Ramgad Villages, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka.

3. Details of proposed activity: Iron Ore production from 1.60 to 4.50 MTPA with total excavation of 26.42 MTPA (Iron Ore ROM- 7.85 MTPA, Manganese Ore ROM- 1.30 MTPA, Top Soil- 0.19 MTPA & Waste- 17.04 MTPA) along with proposed 7.0 MTPA Ore Beneficiation Plant, 1.2 km Down Hill conveyor system & 0.15 MTPA Crushing & Screening Plant.

4. Pollution control measures proposed: The domestic waste generation after expansion is 400 m³/day. The 380 m³/day is treated in & used from two Sewage Treatment Plants. Workshop waste water will be treated for greenbelt development. Recharge to the ground water body in the project area through various rain water harvesting structure is 7737 m³/day. Regular maintenance of vehicles and machinery. Sprinkling water on haul roads and the Kachchh roads to suppress the dust from spreading. Extensive avenue plantation is proposed on both sides of the roads in the mining.

5. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public: Hearing 06.12.2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM, at Project site, Deogiri Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

6. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District, Ballari. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Ballari District (c) District Industries Centre, Ballari (d)Taluk Panchayath, Sandur (e)Tahsildar Office, Sandur (f)Village Panchayath Office, Sushila Nagara, Sandur Taluk (g)Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari (h)Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, South Zonal Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (i) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District, Ballari). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through e-procurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/Outsource1152** "Providing Manpower Services on outsource basis for the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	04/11/2022	08/11/2022 12.00 Noon	05/12/2022 5.30 PM

Sd/-
Director of Collegiate Education, Bangalore, Karnataka

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Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services
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Advt.No.1/AIIRLIVAS-AHD/2022

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR,
Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences (AIIRLIVAS) Thalaivasal – 636 112, Salem Dt, Tamil Nadu.

The Selection committee invites applications from eligible candidates for the post of **Director, Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences (AIIRLIVAS)** Thalaivasal Koot Road, Thalaivasal - 636 112, Salem Dist, Tamil Nadu, under the Government of Tamil Nadu. The tenure of the post is three years.

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Reference : 1. This Office Tender Notification No. 09/2022-2023 dated 01-10-2022

With reference to the above Notification No. 09/2022-2023 dated : 01-10-2022 the works pertaining to Mandya District of Mandya Division were invited.

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Documents may be downloaded through e-portal	07-10-2022	03-11-2022
Last date of Queries	17-10-2022 at 4.00 pm	09-11-2022 at 4.00 pm
Last date of Submission of tender	17-10-2022 at 4.30 pm	09-11-2022 at 4.30 pm
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A forgotten roofing system

The benefits of Madras terrace include amazing looks, drastic reduction in heat, durability, effective water proofing, and low embodied energy. By **Sathya Prakash Varanashi**

DESIGN

Everyone knows that as new ideas emerge, old ideas sink in the watery graves of history. Change is the only constant, philosophers may muse, but if there is constant change, the good old world will disappear, wheels will be reinvented every time and there will be no time for perfection, but only for innovation.

Madras terraceis a time-tested, perfected roofing system of yore. Unfortunately, it is among those being forgotten, not because it is defective or inefficient, but only because times are changing.

Testimony

Newer materials and construction systems, claiming looks, speed, economy, material availability, ease of doing, repairability, builder's profits and such other criteria have pushed it to the backburner. However, thousands of century-old houses, still standing with minimal problems, is a testimony to the efficacy of Madras terrace roofing.

In the early past, wooden beams were used as main roof support, later replaced by steel beams due to cost and workability. Once roof level reaches, wooden cross beams are placed between walls, preferably along the shorter width of the room. They continue to full length of the room, which could be any longer. These are supported by additional vertical poles if needed, to take the additional weights during the roof construction.

Laying of Madras terrace diagonal central part

Above the beams, centering and shuttering is needed to get the plain surface. Builders with experience and innovative spirit may also try placing temporary wooden planks as movable supports.

Challenge

It is important to achieve perfect level surface on top, where we lay thin bricks on the edge. Procuring these bricks, mostly only 1 inch thick, is a challenge from specialist brick makers or a regular 3 inch thick brick can be cut into half along one side to get 1.5 x 4.5 x 9 inch sized bricks. Cutting will cost time and money, but thin bricks are not very cheap either. These bricks are placed with rich mortar joints, starting from centre moving onto the edges or starting from one end going to the other end. These roofs are better done with lime mortar which create stronger bonding with brick surfaces, but cement mortar can also be used. Joints being in the vertical plane, compacting the mortar is important and adequate wetting of brick is needed,

Madras terrace roofing is still prevalent in heritage conservation projects, to restore and recreate the past legacy. For a new project, the costs may appear higher, but what we get in return is worth it

The diagonal first layer

Bottom view of roof

so they do not absorb the water from the mortar immediately. Once all the bricks are laid, a thin layer of mortar is laid on top to take the next layer.

The next layer is laid with bricks being kept in the opposite orientation to the lower with same procedure. This ensures load transfer happens evenly, minimising possible deflection, bending and such others. Rooms with smaller dimensions can be covered with two layered Madras terrace roofing systems, while the larger rooms may need three layers. Of course, the third layer needs to be in the opposite direction of lower layer. Bricks laid diagonally between short span beams, effectively transfers the load. Finally, the sub-floor is laid to take the final floor finish. Decisions about two or three layers, how long to keep the roof shuttering under freshly done roof, what should be the size of beams and such others are advised by the structural engineers.

Traditionally, where the house design and roof contexts were similar, the village masons were doing these roofs out of routine practice.

However, such habitual building construction should not be encouraged today, where risk factors could be high. Madras terrace roofing is still prevalent in heritage conservation projects, to restore and recreate the past legacy. Considering such projects are far and few, skilled masons available is slowly reducing. For a new project, the costs may appear higher, but what we get in return is worth it all.

The amazing looks from underside, drastic reduction in heat, long lasting durability, effective water proofing, low embodied energy and of course supporting a proven sustainable technology are good enough reasons to revive Madras terrace roofing.

(The author is an architect working on eco-friendly designs and can be contacted at varanashi@gmail.com)

Eco project

Communities that promote living and a sustainable built environment have to provide a bio-network that falls in place for ecological spaces to emerge.

Design and landscape experts and architects have worked out many green features for the LTG Infrastructure group at its LTG Aishwarya 'Indraprastha' 100-acre gated community located off Mysuru road.

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Ministers collect soil from holy places

Senior members of the State Cabinet went on a tour of pilgrimage centres in northern Karnataka to collect "holy mud" from these places ahead of the installation of the Kempe Gowda statue at Bengaluru's international airport. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister and vice-chairman of the Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Area, and Ministers R. Ashok, Araga Jnanendra, and Narayana Gowda went around Belagavi, Bagalkot, and Vijayanagara districts. They collected samples from Kittur, Kudalasangama, and Hampi. The soil will be mixed in the soil near the Kempe Gowda statue that will be unveiled in Bengaluru on November 11 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd. signs 3 MoUs

Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) has signed three MoUs with Motorola Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., INERY, Singapore, and Bosch Global Software Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (BGSW). The MoU with Motorola Solutions is for co-operation in the field of broadband, push-to-talk service, while for INERY, Singapore is for co-operation in the field of Blockchain Technology. BGSW for jointly implementing projects in the areas of e-governance, ERP and Cloud solutions.

Former Minister Nafees Fazal releases book on her life

Breaking Barriers: The Story of a Liberal Muslim Woman's Passage in Indian Politics, a chronicle by Nafees Fazal, the first Muslim woman to become a Minister in South India, was released in Bengaluru on Friday. The book has been co-authored by Sandhya Mendonca. S.M. Krishna, former Chief Minister, launched the book in an event attended by former Minister Margaret Alva and others. Mr. Krishna, in whose Cabinet Ms. Fazal served as Minister, said that she from the start of her career in politics "defined change, and defied conservatism and resistance to change."

MoUs worth ₹9.8 lakh cr. signed; investors told to make it a reality quickly

Do not use the MoUs as a tool to influence markets. Commitments are to be honoured, says Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the finale of the State's three-day Global Investors' Meet

GIM 2022

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Minister Murugesh Nirani, and Union Minister Bhagwanth Khuba at the valedictory function of the Global Investors' Meet in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Karnataka is able to see the silver lining among dark clouds even as the world in is reeling under recession and leading economies in particular are trying to meet both ends, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai here on Friday.

Karnataka put a foot forward and showed courage when the whole world was reeling under recession, inflation was on the rise, and the top world order countries were suffering and trying hard to meet their financial requirements, he said at the finale of the State's three-day investment exposition, Global Investors' Meet (GIM).

Changing times

He thanked investors for favourably responding to the State's call for investment. "Times are challenging, but trust is an important factor,'' Mr. Bommai said. "Our strength is our people, talent, our policies, and tech-driven industries,'' he added.

The Chief Minister said this edition of GIM resulted in the signing of MoUs involving ₹9.8 lakh crore (over $100 billion). This has been cleared under the State's single-window clearance agency and high-level committee. However, how much of it would eventually convert to investments on the ground is critical. Of this, a chunk of ₹2.83 lakh crore has already been cleared, he said.

Addressing investors, he said, "Do not use the MoUs as a tool to influence markets. Commitments are to be honoured. If you are ready to take the challenge, we will be with you. Within three months, these MoUs should become investment reality.''

Rate of conversion

He said investments received through GIM have only been on the rise over the years. For instance, the maiden edition of GIM in 2000 had MoUs involving ₹27,057 crore of which 40% became a reality. In 2010, MoUs for ₹3.94 lakh crore were signed with a 14% conversion. In 2012, of ₹6.77 lakh crore, there was 8% conversion. In 1016, of ₹3.05 lakh crore, 15% saw conversion.

"With GIM 2022, we have changed gears to more than double the speed of its growth from 50 to 60 km speed to 120 to 140 km,'' he said.

On renewable energy initiatives Mr. Bommai said that Karnataka accounted for 63% of the total production in the country. "We are going ahead of the Gulf countries in terms of producing ammonia and green nitrogen based energy sources. I want our first hydrogen-based renewable energy project groundbreaking by February-March next year.''

Renewable energy gets a big chunk

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It accounts for ₹2 lakh crore of the total ₹9.82 lakh crore investment commitment

Renewable energy (RE) that comprises green energy, solar, and wind storage and other sources, has accounted for ₹2 lakh crore of the total ₹9.82 lakh crore-worth investment commitment made by diverse industry segments during the 2022 edition of Global Investors' Meet.

Job creation

Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar said it was interesting to see the RE sector independently capture a sizable chunk of the investment and these investments would result in the creation of 35,000 fresh jobs in the State. With this, Karnataka's installed RE capacity would go up by 12,340 MW. The State currently has a total installed capacity of 30,000 MW and over 15,800 MW of it is produced using renewable sources.

Green energy developer Avaada Group chairperson Vineet Mittal said his company would invest ₹45,000 crore in a green hydrogen and ammonia plant in Karnataka.

He said the project would be commissioned by 2026 that would put the State on the global map.

Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma said, "We are here to make ease of doing business in India even more easier. This edition of GIM has really set the tone for the future. We will take every MoU signed forward without any hitch.''

Next in 2025

The next edition of GIM will be held in January 2025, according to Large Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani.

HC directs CAG to inquire into State seeds corporation's employment method

The Hindu Bureau
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The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) to conduct an inquiry into the manner in which persons are employed on contract basis by the Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Ltd., a State-government undertaking.

The CAG should also examine whether manner of employment on contract is a genuine and *bona fide* transaction or is it a veiled methodology adopted by the corporation, the court said. While asking the CAG to find out whether methodology adopted by the corporation goes against the principles of welfare State as enshrined in the preamble of the Constitution of India, the court sought report from the CAG by October 15, 2023.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order on the two petitions, one filed by C. Sujatha, who had worked with the corporation on contract basis between 2007 and 2015, and another by the corporation.

After employing her on contract basis, the corporation had deputed her to the Secretariat of the Agriculture Department, where she worked till her services was terminated in 2015 after she asked for salary hike and regularisation of service.

She had raised an industrial dispute before the Industrial Tribunal, which in 2018 awarded her a compensation of ₹5 lakh with 9% interest but rejected her plea for regularisation. While she had moved the High Court seeking regularisation, the corporation had questioned award of compensation to her.

'Shocking'

The High Court expressed shock after noticing that she was employed as a data entry operator under the four different contract employee service providing firms on a continuous basis between 2007 and 2015.

The court pointed out that it is not known in what manner the tenders were invited by the authorities for contract employees' services.

Initially, the court disposed of the petition by directing the corporation to reinstatement her to the post in which she was working.

However, when it was brought to the court's notice that she was subsequently employed on contract basis by the Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., and deputed her to e-governance Department, the court restricted the relief only for compensation as ordered by the tribunal.

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Karnataka, Maharashtra Governors meet in Kolhapur

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BELAGAVI

Governors of Karnataka and Maharashtra met in Kolhapur on Friday to discuss issues related to the welfare of people living in the border areas. The meeting between Bhagat Singh Koshyari and Thaawarchand Gehlot was at the conference room of Residency Club in Kolhapur in Maharashtra.

"This was an informal meeting in which some senior officers of the Revenue and Police Departments from both the States participated,'' a senior district administration officer said. It was organised by the Governor's Secretariat following general instructions from the Prime Minister's Office, on the need for "Jan Bhagidari" of Governors, the officer said.

"Some senior officers from both sides were present in the meeting, but no Minister or elected representative of either State was present,'' he said. "The Prime Minister has asked all Governors to engage actively with the State governments and not just remain titular heads. They are supposed to use their good offices to speed up the pace of administration and ensure that governance is pro-people. He suggested that they ensure better coordination between neighbouring States, by organising meeting of Governors and senior officers. He said Governors should organise village stays in far flung areas and receive public grievance," said the officer. The officer informed that a similar meeting was held between the Governors of Karnataka and Goa a few weeks ago.

Contentious issues

The officer said that contentious issues like the Karnataka-Maharashtra border dispute or raising the height of Almatti dam were not discussed.

Governors Thaawarchand Gehlot and Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Kolhapur in Maharashtra on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್–ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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Mudhol Taluka:1) Indent No-**47828** (**JALIBERI**) APT-101.72 Lakhs
2) Indent No-**47827** (**Chitrabanukotil**) APT-102.65 Lakhs
3) Indent No-**47829** (**Petlur**) APT- 143.32 Lakhs
4) Indent No-**47831** (**Halaki**) APT- 119.59 Lakhs
5) Indent No-**47830** (**Malapur**) APT- 153.33 Lakhs

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಮ್ ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17–11–2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **5.30** ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ
3) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿಳಾಸ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS– TWO COVER –ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	**15/ F.CWSS to 831 habs./JJM /SDO II/ CW /Dt. 03.11.2022**
Funding Pattern	JJM Fund - 2022-23
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
Sale of Bid	**09.11.2022 to 08.12.2022** upto **15.00** hours
EMD Payable	1.Online Mode through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in** **(OR)** 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineer, TWAD, **Urban Division, Tirunelveli**
Pre Bid meeting	**24.11.2022** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**08.12.2022** before **15.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**09.12.2022** at **15.30** hours at the office of Tender Invitee through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. value (Rs.in Crore including 18% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
15	Jal Jeevan Mission – CWSS to 831 rural habitations in 6 Panchayat Unions of Tirunelveli District with river Tamiraparani as source (Construction Period : 18 months and paid Maintenance: 60 months)	**Rs.380**	**Rs.190**

DIPR/ 4936/TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS
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Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102.
Phone No: 08472 256881 E-mail: seeprojectsgescom@gmail.com

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/2022-23/38789-99 Date: 04-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement Mode only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites tender on **Total Turnkey Basis** from eligible bidders through e-procurement portal for the following works:
1) Construction of new 33kV Double Circuit(D/C) Line of 5Kms on M+6 Lattice Towers from 110/33/11kV **Saganoor MUSS** to the existing 33/11kV Hasargundagi Sub-Station in Afzalpur Taluk Kalaburagi District. 2) Construction of new 33kV S / C Line of 07Kms from 110/33/11kV South MUSS to the existing 33/11kV **High Court (GIS) Sub-Station** in Kalaburagi City. 3) Construction of new 33kV S/C Line of 07Kms from 110/33/11kV South MUSS to the existing 33/11kV **GGH (GIS) Sub-Station** in Kalaburagi City.

Sl. No.	Tender Enquiry Nos.	Name of Company
1	No: GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/2022-23 /Saganoor/409.	GESCOM
2	No: GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/2022-23 /High Court/410.	
3	No: GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/2022-23 /GGH/411.	

The bid documents will be available in http:/eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **10.11.2022** the prospective bidders can obtain further details from the office of the undersigned.

DIP/Kalaburagi/799/MC&A/2022-23
Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., (Operations), Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/Tr(W&M)C/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/4023 Date: 04.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids against **BID ENQUIRY No: KPTCL/SEE/KLB/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/ AEE-1/22-23/ North - UNS (SBD-1) at location No: 95A to 94A/Call-4 Dated: 04.11.2022** for Heightening & strengthening to increase the vertical and horizontal clearance of 110 kV North - UNS (SBD-1) Ckt line Transmission line Loc. No 95A to 94A (Longitude: 76.880203 Latitude: 17.320257 passing over Govt Primary School, Tq & Dist Kalaburagi in TLI Section Kalaburagi of TLM Sub Division Humnabad.

The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or directly to website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "List of Tenders" on or after 05.11.2022 on/after 12.30 PM. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Sedam Road, Kalaburgi. Phone: 08472-256176

INBRIEF

To save elephants, activists seek alternative rail route

A collective of environmental organisations from Tamil Nadu and Kerala took out a march to the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM)'s office at Olavakode, near Palakkad, on Friday, demanding construction of an alternative rail route outside the Walayar forest. The marchers, protesting against the increasing incidence of elephant deaths on railway tracks, said that construction of a new track outside the Walayar forest range to replace the existing 19.4-km B line would be the best way to prevent recurrence of elephant deaths. As many as 27 elephants have been killed on the tracks in the Walayar-Madukkarai sections since 2002. In the latest incident, two elephants were killed when a herd was hit by Kanyakumari-Dibrugarh Vivek Express.

Man arrested on charge of assaulting six-year-old child

The Kannur Police on Friday arrested Mohammed Shinad, a resident of Ponniyampalam, on charge of assaulting a six-year-old child of a migrant worker near the Thalassery old bus stand on Thursday. The child had apparently leaned on Mr. Shinad's car parked on the roadside. The child sustained minor injuries. The police arrested the accused on Friday after the CCTV footage of the crime emerged on the social media. A case has been registered against the accused.

Zubair says T.N. Cyber Crime Police flagged his tweets

Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair tweeted on Friday that he had received a communique from Twitter informing them that the Cyber Crime Police of Tamil Nadu had flagged some content that he had posted, claiming it violated provisions of India's IT Act.

Poaching case: HC asks BJP to prove its *locus standi*

BJP seeks CBI or SIT probe into the alleged attempt to poach four TRS MLAs; Additional Advocate General appearing for Telangana contends that the BJP had no *locus standi* in the matter

Marri Ramu
HYDERABAD

Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy of Telangana High Court on Friday directed BJP State general secretary Gujjula Premender Reddy to convince the court that he has *locus standi* in the writ petition filed by him seeking investigation by either CBI or a Special Investigation Team into the alleged attempt to poach four TRS MLAs.

While adjourning hearing of the plea to Monday, the judge declined to concede the request of Additional Advocate General J. Ramchander Rao, appearing for the State, to permit the Cyberabad police to go ahead with the investigation in the MLAs' poaching attempt case.

Gujjula Premender Reddy

When the matter came up for hearing on Friday, the AAG contended that the BJP had no *locus standi* in the matter and requested the court to allow further investigation into the poaching attempt case. The judge asked senior counsel J. Prabhakar Rao, appearing for the petitioner, to convince the court that the petitioner has *locus standi* in the matter.

Mr. Prabhakar Rao said the complainant in the MLAs' poaching attempt case, Tandur MLA Pilot Rohit Reddy, primarily targeted BJP party in his complaint. BJP moved the High Court since charges were made mainly against it, he said.

The judge tagged the writ petition filed by wife of Nanda Kumar (one of the three accused arrested by Cyberabad police in poaching attempt case), with the BJP's petition and said both would be heard together on Monday.

Video is drama scripted by KCR, says Kishan Reddy

Special Correspondent
HYDERABAD

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has reiterated that the BJP has no connection whatsoever with people involved in trying to make the TRS MLAs switch over. "There is nothing in the useless video, it is total lie. It is a filmy drama scripted by KCR himself. Just mentioning names of a few leaders does not make them guilty," he said.

Death of MLA's nephew: Will investigate case based on evidence, says ADGP

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Alok Kumar, ADGP (Law and Order), has said the police will investigate the death of BJP MLA M.P. Renukacharya's nephew Chandrashekhar based on the experts' reports that will be available within a few days.

At a press conference in Shivamogga on Friday, the senior police officer said he would not wish to either speculate or react to comments on the case. "We are investigating the case and speak based on the evidence on hand," he said.

The post-mortem had been conducted by the doctors in Davangere. The FSL team had collected the evidence from the ground. "They will submit reports on physical, biological and toxicological evidence. The post-mortem report will be available in a couple of days. Only after the reports are made available, we can come to conclusion on the case", he said.

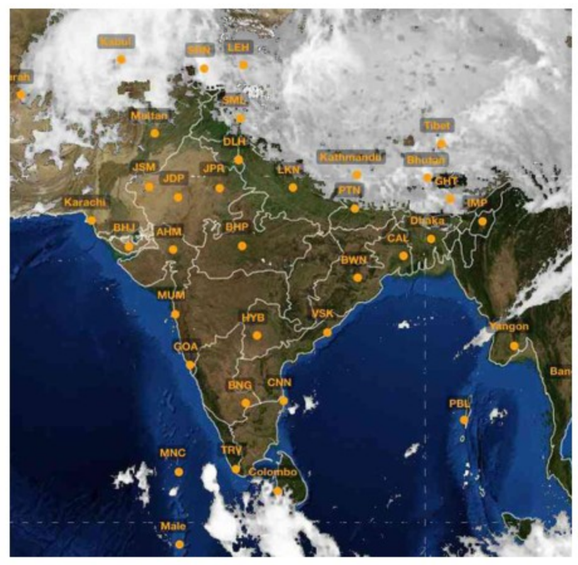
Mr. Alok Kumar said Chandrashekhar's vehicle was traced in the canal with the help of a drone. The police in Davangere had been active since the day the case was registered. Even before the body was found, the police had collected the information required on his journey and the people he met along the route.

Reacting to a question, Mr.Alok Kumar said as of now there was no need for questioning Vinay Guruji of Gowri Gadde.

"After visiting Gowri Gadde, Chandrashekhar returned via Tarikere, Shivamogga and Nyamathi. His vehicle had passed Nyamathi Circle before he went missing," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.2	19.8	Kozhikode	—	34.7	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	36.5	18.2	Kurnool	—	34.5	22.7
Aizawl	—	26.4	19.8	Lucknow	—	29.7	18.0
Allahabad	—	32.4	18.3	Madurai	7	29.4	23.4
Bengaluru	8	27.0	20.1	Mangaluru	—	32.9	25.2
Bhopal	—	33.8	16.4	Mumbai	—	35.8	20.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.5	20.2	Mysuru	—	28.9	20.4
Chandigarh	—	30.0	15.9	New Delhi	—	31.3	16.5
Chennai	71	30.7	23.3	Patna	—	32.0	17.4
Coimbatore	2	28.7	22.2	Port Blair	—	30.2	24.1
Dehradun	—	26.8	14.8	Puducherry	38.9	31.0	21.8
Gangtok	—	19.4	10.4	Pune	—	30.9	15.6
Goa	—	34.6	23.2	Raipur	—	32.0	18.1
Guwahati	—	30.8	20.5	Ranchi	—	29.5	16.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	19.0	Shillong	—	23.5	11.8
Hyderabad	—	30.2	20.0	Shimla	—	20.8	13.0
Imphal	0.3	28.4	14.3	Srinagar	—	19.6	5.3
Jaipur	—	35.0	19.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.2	24.2
Kochi	—	31.2	24.8	Tiruchi	27	30.3	23.4
Kohima	—	24.4	10.6	Vijayawada	—	32.0	24.0
Kolkata	—	31.3	20.2	Visakhapatnam	1	32.1	25.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.67	147	22	—	194	
Bengaluru	8	15	65	76	87	
Chennai	.14	.28	99	25	23	
Delhi	.24	140	96	492	488	
Hyderabad	3	34	49	168	147	
Kolkata	.18	.30	21	210	150	
Lucknow	.12	105	38	401	310	
Mumbai	.16	.84	58	246	143	
Pune	—	.17	40	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.32	.27	14	108	104	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bahadurgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 452 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Hassan, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Project Central-2, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/PC-2/TEND/09/2022-23 Date: 04-11-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-(SHORT TERM)-(Call-2)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Central-2, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	"Providing Way Finding Information Signages to Important Junctions / Landmarks in Bengaluru City."	408.57	6.20 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through E-Procurement & remaining as specified in bid document

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **09-11-2022 upto 17.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-2, BBMP. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **10-11-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Project-Central. 4)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 14-11-2022. 5)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **16-11-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-2, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-2, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RANEBENNUR

SL.No:CMC/Tender/CR-89/2022-23 Date:03-11-2022

Tender Notification
(Through E-procurement Portal)

Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Ordinance 1999-2000 as per Act 2000 Standard Tender Document Rule Sun 2022-23rd line S. F. C. 29% of the grant reserved for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for 02 works, For 02 works under grant of 29% of municipal fund for the year 2022-23, municipal council grant for the year 2020-21, 01 work, municipal council grant for the year 2021-22, 04 works, municipal council grant for the year 2022-23, 04 works in total Rs. 115.35 lakhs total 13 works are invited by the undersigned to tender through e-procurement portal from eligible contractors registered with Karnataka Public Works Department. Eligible Contractors/Agencies /Suppliers e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in can participate in the tender and publication details on the website of the municipal office http//www.ranebennurcity.mre.gov.in Available in For more details information can be obtained from Municipal Council office hours and e-Procurement Assistant Phone No.: +918046010000 +91-8022631200.

note : 1) In case of any change in the estimated amount, tendered amount mentioned before the above work, the tender amount mentioned in the tender document will be final. 2) Any change in the following dates shall be noted in the e-procurement portal and no announcements shall be issued.

Last date & if to receive information about tender : 19-11-2022 Time: 15.30

Last date of submission of tender and Time : 19-11-2022 Time: 16.30

Tender Opening Date & Time : 21-11-2022 Time: 11.30

Sd/- Commissioner, CMC, Ranebennur **Sd/- President, CMC, Ranebennur**

DIPR/HAVERI/348/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-4),
3rd Floor, Annexe-2 Building,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: EE/PC-4/TEND/05/2022-23 Date: 04.11.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer (Project Central-4), invites Short Term Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for **"Consultancy Services including Proof Checking for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the work listed below"**.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	EMD (In Rupees)
1	**Consultancy Services including Proof checking for construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the work of** "Comprehensive development of road under Tender SURE guidelines to Taralbalu road from Bellary Road via CM Residence to Rabindranatha Tagore Circle & Comprehensive development of road under Tender SURE guidelines with providing white topping to Taralbalu road from R.T. Nagar main Road to Citizen Park in **Ward No. 46** J.C. Nagar (BMTC Depo)".	54,000/- through E-Procurement Portal

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of RFP Document: **04.11.2022** onwards. **(2)** Last date for receipt of Queries is **09.11.2022** upto **5:30 p.m.** in e-protal. **(3)** Date of pre bid meeting at the office of the Chief Engineer (Project Central), Annexe-3 building, 4th Floor, N.R. Square, Bengaluru -560002 on **10.11.2022** at **4:00 p.m. (4)** Last date for submission of Proposals **15.11.2022** upto **5:30 p.m. (5)** Date of opening of Technical Proposals **17.11.2022** after **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-4, BBMP

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING WING
Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd Floor,
Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road,
Bengaluru-560 023 Telephone No: 080-29557023
E-Mail: cekhsdrp@gmail.com

No.: HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-4&6/TND/SCSP, SCSP Unspent & Non Plan//2022-23/1933 Dt:04.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-III and above contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in e-protal for the 7 No. of works in Bengaluru Division pertaining to Health and Family Welfare Department. The stipulated period for completion of works is 6 months including monsoon. Refer e-portal for further details.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: 21.11.2022 upto 16.00 hrs. **(2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 22.11.2022 at 16.00 hrs.

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
HFWD, Engineering Wing,
Bengaluru.

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(NEAR MEKHRI CIRCLE, BENGALURU)

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Remote voting

Shorter term overseas migrants should be able to avail the postal ballot system

India has the largest diaspora population, with nearly 1.35 crore non-resident Indians spread across the globe. Many of them leave the country for short-term work and could miss out on exercising some of their rights such as registering their vote in India's Assembly or parliamentary elections. Currently, the Election Commission of India (ECI) allows enrolled overseas citizens to vote in person at the polling station in the constituency where the person is registered as an overseas elector. The necessity to vote in person and the costs have, for overseas citizens, acted as a disincentive for their wanting to exercise their mandate. This was evident in the numbers of such voters in the 2019 Lok Sabha election – 25,606 among the minuscule 99,844 registered electors who voted. In 2014, a committee constituted by the ECI to probe methods to enable overseas voters' mandates concluded that proxy voting was the most viable, though some political parties objected to the idea. A Bill was passed in the 16th Lok Sabha (2014-19) to enable this but lapsed. In 2020, the ECI approached the Government to permit NRIs to vote via postal ballots, similar to the system already used by service voters, i.e., the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), which allows registering their mandate on a downloaded ETPB and sending it to the returning officer of the constituency.

On the face of it, allowing postal ballot use should be a good move for NRIs, even if this does increase the burden on embassy or consular officials. This is also a more trustworthy way of registering mandates rather than appointing proxies – which is currently allowed for service personnel who are a limited number in each constituency unlike NRIs who could constitute a more substantial chunk among the electorate in some States. In the 2014 discussion organised by the ECI, some parties raised the question whether NRIs will get a benefit denied to internal migrant workers, but the higher costs of travel back to India, as opposed to travelling within, is a valid reason for allowing NRIs the partially electronic postal balloting facility. Several democratic countries allow for this option to their overseas citizens, but again, none has to deal with anything near the scale India has. The more important question to be tackled while extending the facility of voting to overseas Indians is whether longer term migrants should also be allowed to register their mandate as the idea behind limiting voters to specific constituencies on account of their residency will become infructuous. Therefore, if the postal ballot system is indeed instituted, rules must be clearly framed for voters' eligibility on the basis of their time spent away from the country.

Hazy signals

Omission of data points for October's robust GST revenues is puzzling

October saw the Goods and Services Tax (GST) yield the second-highest gross monthly revenues – a tad short of ₹1.52 lakh crore. This marks the eighth successive month of GST collections exceeding ₹1.4 lakh crore, including the record ₹1,67,540 crore kitty in April. The Finance Ministry emphasised that domestic transactions also contributed the second-highest taxes in the month. Underpinning October's GST flows, 8.3 crore e-way bills were generated in September, which the Ministry said was 'significantly higher' than the 7.7 crore bills of August. The festive season's onset surely boosted consumption as well as stocking up by sellers. The Government, which has routinely held up GST revenues as a yardstick of strong post-pandemic economic activity, had ample cause to talk up the latest numbers. April's record revenues, for instance, were said to be reflecting a faster recovery, and when revenues dipped sequentially in May, the Government contended that the financial year ending in March had boosted April's tax kitty. Some of the bump up in October revenues may likely be similarly attributable to taxpayers filing quarter-ending returns.

It is noteworthy that no such commentary was included in the latest GST revenue statement, which has raised eyebrows for what it has chosen to leave out than disclosed. The Ministry has omitted basic routinely shared data, such as the year-on-year growth rate for overall collections, and an explicit break-up of the growth in revenues from domestic transactions (usually clubbed with taxes levied on services imports) and imports of goods. These numbers can be deduced to some extent. Imports of goods appear to have grown at a far lower pace than in recent months going by Integrated GST and the GST Cess collections on them, rising 13% and 18%, respectively – a great sign for an economy seeking to rein in a runaway import bill. Maybe the fact that overall revenues grew 16.6% from October 2021 – the lowest growth rate since April's record kitty – prompted this reticence. But as economists point out, growth rates will moderate owing to simple base effects. Another factor may have been the tepid 2.7% sequential growth in revenues despite a 7.8% rise in e-way bills month-on-month. But if inflation is eating into consumption, it will show up one way or another. Instead of splicing data, the Government would be better served by expediting reforms to shore up revenues. The GST Council, which was to take up some of these reforms in early August, must be convened quickly. Demurring over the big picture helps no one.

In Pakistan, a state of war with much drama ahead

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After the failed assassination of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday while he was on his *haqeeqi azadi* (genuine freedom) long march, things have just become far more complicated on the political horizon in Pakistan. From the operation theatre where he has been undergoing treatment, Mr. Khan has demanded the immediate removal of the Prime Minister, the Home Minister and a senior serving Major General from the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). While some of his key lieutenants have threatened revenge over the failed attempt, Mr. Khan has suggested that if these three people were not removed, all hell would break loose. The events of Thursday and the tenor from Mr. Imran Khan and his party were already foretold in the events which took place a week before.

Following the no-confidence vote against Mr. Khan's government in April this year, resulting in its dismissal, in what has been a tumultuous six months even by Pakistani standards (with allegations, intrigue and alleged conspiracies galore), there was one event last week that outdid everything else that has happened since.

A press meet to note

In what has been labelled as 'historic', 'unprecedented', 'the rarest of rare occasions', and a 'nuclear option', for the first time ever, Pakistan's military's Director General (DG), ISI, and the Director General, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) held a live joint press conference to respond to and clarify many of the allegations that Mr. Khan had made about the military, and without directly naming him, against the current Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Qamar Javed Bajwa. In the press conference, the DG, ISI, who according to media reports was the 'first spymaster to address a live news conference', said (without naming Mr. Khan) 'you meet army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa at night and then call him a traitor in the day'. The DG, ISI also revealed that days before the no-confidence motion against Mr. Khan's government was passed. Mr. Khan had, in March, offered an 'unlimited extension in tenure' to Gen. Bajwa in return for ensuring that the vote did not take place. The DG, ISI added that he was present when this offer was made: 'If you thought he was a traitor, why would you do that?' he asked, in an obvious reference to Mr. Khan. By every measure, this press conference with the military's 'big guns' (as the media called them), was historical, unprecedented, and revealed much about the state of Pakistan's political economy, perhaps as never before.

> With the military making it clear that 'when the state is in a state of war, the people and the army tackle it together', things have become far more complicated politically

Close ties

The Pakistan military's close relationship with Mr. Khan goes back at least four years when the general elections were held in 2018 and he became the Prime Minister. At that time there were media reports that the election results were managed by the military and its agencies to ensure that Mr. Khan's party had a winning hand. Allegations were made prior to the elections that pre-election rigging had taken place, where a number of potential candidates had received phone calls from unlisted numbers insisting that they switch party loyalties and support Mr. Khan's party. Such calls did not go unanswered and loyalties shifted overnight, resulting in Mr. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf getting the largest number of votes and seats to form a coalition government in August 2018. In a stinging and bold editorial after the DG, ISI's press conference, Pakistan's newspaper of record, *Dawn*, wrote: "It is stunning how spectacularly the PTI and the military have fallen out. There is now little question that the military establishment, especially the ISI, played a key role in bringing the PTI to power."

Throughout the nearly four year period Mr. Khan was Prime Minister, all other parties in the opposition called him a 'selected' Prime Minister. While the combined Opposition worked through parliamentary and constitutional means to oust the government, as Prime Minister, Mr. Khan had the full support of the military establishment; he repeatedly gloated over this fact, saying that for the first time in Pakistan's parliamentary history, the government and the military were 'on the same page'. When they were on the same page, Gen. Bajwa was able to get an extension of tenure by all parties through Parliament, which includes those in Opposition; the resolution in Parliament was passed in record time, with a few, mostly from the religious parties, voting against it.

While Mr. Khan's government was a failure when it came to running the country, it remained on whatever page the military wanted it to be on. In November 2021, things began to change; some decisions regarding the appointment of key individuals in the army, including the future of Gen. Bajwa, the incumbent COAS, came up before Mr. Khan. Differences emerged and from November 2021, the combined Opposition became emboldened; probably assured of support from key institutions, it launched a successful no-confidence vote against the Khan government and ousted him from office, a move which may have now backfired.

Finding a new voice

Since then, Mr. Khan has become the new hero of Pakistan – by far the most popular politician. Having led rallies in scores of cities, his party has been able to win seats in the largest province of the Punjab and has formed the government there. In recent by-polls, Mr. Khan himself won six of the eight National Assembly seats. Ironically, having been brought to power by the military, he is now, and single-handedly, the anti-establishment champion of Pakistan's political set-up. He has found a new voice and a new life while out of power and has taken his politics to the people insisting that elections be held immediately, in the hope that were they to happen, he would ride this popular wave. However, the present government has not agreed to holding early elections, with those who determine things having become 'neutral'.

As the DG, ISI's press conference was such an extraordinary event, there has been much speculation as to why there were the 'big guns'. In a news report in English, and, importantly, in Urdu, Pakistan's biggest media house, the Jang Group of Newspapers, has asked 'highly placed military sources' why a press conference at this level was necessary. The reply, quoted in English and Urdu papers, was: 'a state of war is an environment that threatens the survival of the state. When the state is in a state of war, the people and the army tackle it together. Be it a soldier or the most senior officer, everyone enters the field.' Mr. Khan and the military in Pakistan have entered a 'state of war'.

As we know, in war there can be complete annihilation, bloodshed, negotiations, peace and also surrender. What has happened to Imran Khan is simply a continuation of a process which unfolded some weeks ago, with much more drama and histrionics ahead.

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The real issue at COP27 is energy equity

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In a starkly unequal world, what does the urgency of climate action imply? This has been a central question in the climate change negotiations since the Rio Earth Summit (1992) and will also be at the root of contestations at the upcoming 27th Conference of Parties (COP27, beginning November 6, in Egypt) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

In the run-up to COP26, last year in Glasgow, several developed countries had declared their intention to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. These declarations did not square with the requirements of "keeping 1.5 deg. C alive". Four-fifths of the global carbon budget to limit warming to 1.5°C (with 50% probability) has already been exhausted. Developed countries are responsible for more than half of these historical CO_2 emissions. Nevertheless, there was much celebration of these targets. There was also high drama at COP26, with moral grandstanding by many developed country negotiators who invoked the future of their children, because India and other countries understandably balked at the singling out of any one fossil fuel for immediate action.

It is important to recall some of these shenanigans at COP26, as in the last year, it has become clear that developed countries may be unlikely to meet even the inadequate targets they have set, keeping to the trend of the last three decades. The rhetoric of COP26 appears unconscionably hypocritical if we consider the reality of global energy inequalities.

Global energy inequality

Global energy poverty is concentrated in the developing countries. In 2021, 733 million people had no access to electricity and almost 2.6 billion people lacked access to clean fuels and technologies. The average per capita energy use of the richest 20 countries is 85 times higher than that of the 20 poorest countries.

Addressing this stark energy poverty in developing countries is important because there is a strong correlation between energy supply and human development. The average annual per capita electricity consumption of sub-Saharan Africa is 487 kilowatt-hours (kWh), alongside an infant mortality rate of 73 per 1,000 live births; maternal mortality ratio of 534 per 1,00,000 live births, and per capita GDP of $1,645. On the other hand, the OECD group of countries have a per capita electricity consumption of 7,750 kWh, corresponding to an infant mortality rate of seven, maternal mortality ratio of 18, and per capita GDP of $42,098.

> At the summit in Egypt, the global South must put the question of its energy poverty and the severe global inequalities in energy access squarely at the centre of all discussions

The reality of global inequality was acutely evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are facing severe agricultural and industrial slowdowns in the post-pandemic period. The lack of reliable energy infrastructure has compounded the difficulties and has multi-dimensional impacts across developmental indicators.

In 2022, these inequalities have been aggravated by soaring energy and food prices. Several countries face a severe rise in the cost of living and nearly 70 million additional people are estimated to fall below the poverty line of $3.20 per person per day. Poor and vulnerable communities in the energy-importing countries of the global South suffer the most. Almost 90 million people in Asia and Africa, who gained access to electricity recently, cannot afford to pay their energy bills. In this background, COP27 affords a critical moment to acknowledge and address the concerns surrounding energy access and security in developing countries. Unfortunately, these long-standing problems of the global South have been ignored by developed country governments, academia, and civil society. At a time when the language of energy poverty and security is re-entering the northern vocabulary, it is time to call out the hypocrisy of the advice on fossil fuel use given by the north to some of the world's poorest regions since the Paris Agreement was signed.

Hypocrisy of the global North

In the United States, 81% of primary energy is from fossil fuels. In Europe, fossil fuels constitute 76% of the energy consumption (coal, oil, and natural gas contribute 11%, 31%, and 34% respectively). Thirty years after acknowledging the problem of anthropogenic global warming and committing in the UNFCCC, to take the lead in climate change mitigation, the level of decarbonisation in the global North has been minuscule. In July 2022, the European Union (EU) voted to classify the use of natural gas for some uses as "green and sustainable". Natural gas was responsible for 7.5 billion tonnes of CO_2 (i.e., 23% of the total CO_2 by the major fossil fuels), in 2020. Additionally, in 2022, even coal consumption in the U.S. and the EU is estimated to increase by 3% and 7%, respectively.

These same developed countries argue that green energy constitutes a great business opportunity for developing countries as it has become cheaper. They have used this dubious argument to dismiss differentiation between developed and developing countries and are lobbying for banning the financing of any fossil fuel projects in some of the poorest countries.

Bridging the energy deficits in the global South using renewable energy alone is a much bigger challenge compared to what developed countries will face this winter. Spokespersons for urgent climate action across the world must acknowledge this stark reality that the global South has to deal with, whether in times of war or peace.

A base camp for equitable priorities

At COP27, the global South must put the question of its energy poverty and the severe global inequalities in energy access squarely at the centre of all discussions. We need to achieve zero hunger, zero malnutrition, zero poverty, and universal well-being even as we collectively contribute to ensuring effective climate action. As the strapline for COP27 ("Together for Implementation") suggests, we must work together to ensure that these developmental goals are not side-lined, as they were at COP26, in the pursuit of hollow declarations of net-zero targets three decades into the future. A developing country leadership at COP27 can ensure effective discussions, based on equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, on the relative responsibilities and sharing of mitigation and adaptation burdens while coping with loss and damage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State of Pakistan

There was a hue and cry in Pakistan when U.S. President Joe Biden very recently said "it maybe one of the most dangerous nations in the world". The assassination attempt on former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday has proved that Mr. Biden's words have been prophetic (Page 1, November 4). Political assassinations, coups, and social unrest have wreaked havoc in the South Asian country. The tango of the polity, military, the ISI and fanatics is blurred. The situation is scary and unpredictable.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

Pakistan must identify all terror dens and destroy them before they finish off Pakistan itself. One wonders whether there will be peace, prosperity and progress in Pakistan. There is also the subject of who has control of the nuclear button.

Madhu P.V.,
Secunderabad

Adrift on climate action

It is unfortunate, as a number of Editorial page articles have highlighted, that despite multiple conferences, the global community has not been able to address the issue of climate change in an equitable manner. Just as how COP26 ended without a strong line, COP27 in Egypt could well end up this way. The lack of political will and narrow and vested interests are to blame. In this backdrop, the real victims, namely, small island developing states, vulnerable nations and the younger generation need to lead the show.

Megha Ajith,
North Paravur, Ernakulam, Kerala

Gujarat data

An important issue that was not highlighted in the CSDS-Lokniti series on Gujarat was the issue of unemployment. It would have been relevant to have had the data on this.

M.G.K. Murty,
New Delhi

Tackling invasive species

The Tamil Nadu government's plan to use wood from the *Senna spectabilis* (an invasive plant) in paper making will greatly aid environmental restoration and tribal empowerment. Such a plan needs to be emulated by other States in enabling forest restoration.

Vinay Budanur,
Bengaluru

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A shed near the 'sangam' on the outskirts of Deval Ganagapur village in Afzalpur taluk, Kalaburagi district, Karnataka. ARUN KULKARNI

No place to die

On October 18, visuals of the body of an elderly woman being devoured by a pack of dogs exposed the practice of old or infirm people being abandoned in Ganagapura in north Karnataka. **Praveen B. Para** reports from the temple town on those who visit in the hope that their loved ones will be cured of their ailments and on those who are left to their own fate

Ganagapura appears serene to a first-time visitor, with its irrigated lush green sugarcane fields and the famous Sri Dattatreya temple at the confluence of the Bhima and Amarja rivers. But in mid-October, a chilling incident in this famous temple town in Kalaburagi district in north Karnataka – of a pack of dogs devouring the body of a destitute woman in her late sixties – revealed to the world an inhuman practice that has gone on with little intervention from the authorities for as long as the residents can remember.

Old or infirm people are often abandoned by their families in this town, which is located in the border taluk of Afzalpur and is popularly known by devotees as Deval Ganagapur ('Deval' in Marathi means temple). Survival is not easy in Ganagapura: temperatures in the daytime during summer can soar beyond 45 degrees Celsius and dip to 8 degrees Celsius during winter. Yet, this inhuman practice has carried on, in the belief that the holy place can provide a "natural cure" for those with mental illnesses and for those said to be "possessed by evil spirits".

Local lore and free food

Residents say that for a long time, those with mental illnesses were brought to the town and abandoned by their kith and kin. But now, even elderly people and ailing parents and siblings are being left in the town to meet their inevitable end. Those who are abandoned sustain themselves with the free food that devotees, who mainly come from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Goa, provide as offerings to Lord Dattatreya. Besides, residents of the town offer food to anyone who comes asking for it (Maadhukari) after the afternoon prayers at the temple. This is because there is a local belief that Lord Dattatreya goes tapping on the doors of houses in different guises after the prayers.

This brutal practice of abandoning the aged or infirm at Ganagapura may have remained little known beyond the region but for the horrific incident that came to light on October 18. Officials maintain that the identity of the dead woman is not yet clear, but locals recognise her as Mallamma. Baanobee, a fruit vendor who sits near the temple, says Mallamma, who came from a village in Bidar district, used to work as a domestic helper in a couple of houses, but stopped following health complications. She eventually developed gangrene in both her legs.

Officials say the woman was last seen the day before the gruesome incident, near Dyavamma temple, which is located on the way to Ganagapura sangama (confluence). Since the area was dark, the woman's death went unnoticed initially. The incident came to light only the next morning. By then, her body had been partially devoured by stray dogs.

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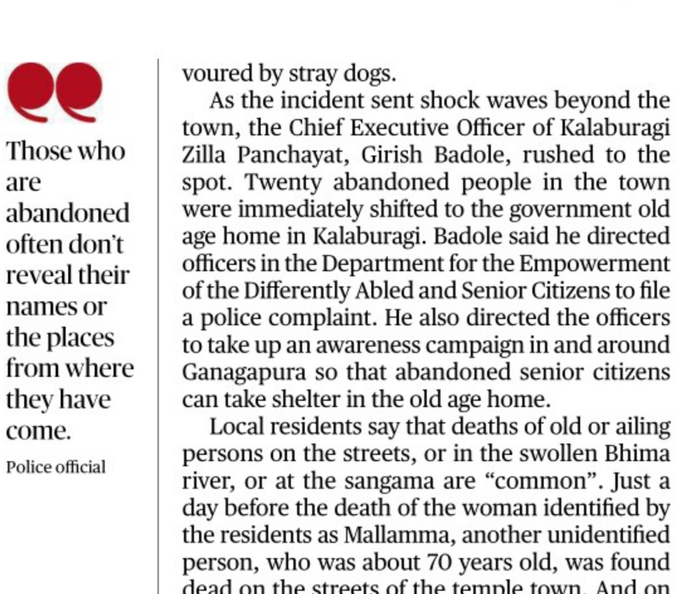
>
> Police official

As the incident sent shock waves beyond the town, the Chief Executive Officer of Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat, Girish Badole, rushed to the spot. Twenty abandoned people in the town were immediately shifted to the government old age home in Kalaburagi. Badole said he directed officers in the Department for the Empowerment of the Differently Abled and Senior Citizens to file a police complaint. He also directed the officers to take up an awareness campaign in and around Ganagapura so that abandoned senior citizens can take shelter in the old age home.

Local residents say that deaths of old or ailing persons on the streets, or in the swollen Bhima river, or at the sangama are "common". Just a day before the death of the woman identified by the residents as Mallamma, another unidentified person, who was about 70 years old, was found dead on the streets of the temple town. And on October 20, yet another unidentified woman, about 60 years old, was found dead at a shelter near the sangama. According to the police, in the last three years, 11 abandoned old people have died due to drowning. In 2022 alone, four people have drowned in the river so far.

Police officials express helplessness in identifying the abandoned people. "They often don't reveal their names or the places from where they have come," says a police official. This, the official says, could be because of their age or mental illnesses. Usually, family members take advantage of the large crowds which gather in the temple town on auspicious days, to abandon these people, say local residents.

There has been an alarming increase in the number of old people who are abandoned in the temple town, say officials of the temple administration and priests. These people hail mostly from the villages of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, besides Karnataka.



Kaveri, a 35-year-old woman, from Bidar district is staying at Deval Ganagapur in the hope that she will be cured of her ailments. ARUN KULKARNI

The police, revenue authorities and temple authorities have no information about the number of abandoned people living in the town. Neither do the authorities have any official figures on the number of deaths. They reckon that on average, 15 to 20 abandoned people die every year. However, locals say the numbers are higher. Temple Executive Officer Namdev Rathod says there have even been instances of three or four abandoned people being cremated in just a month. If an abandoned person dies around the temple, the police are informed and they try to collect details about the family members of the dead. But most often, this exercise goes in vain, as the deceased have no basic documents on them. Earlier the Gram Panchayat used to perform the last rites. Over the last decade, this responsibility has been passed on to the temple (Muzrai and Endowment Department), says Rathod.

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> **YESHWANT GURUKAR**
> Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner

Most of the abandoned people seem unwilling or unable to speak. A woman in tattered clothes, sitting in the middle of the street on the way to the Outhambara math where the Bhima and Amarja rivers meet, says with some difficulty that her name is Sunanda. She says she is from Solapur in Maharashtra. She cannot recall how she came to live in this temple town in Karnataka.

The primary health centre in Ganagapura is located 2 km away from the sangama and a kilometre away from the Dattatreya temple. Abandoned people reportedly do not visit it.

Living in sheds

Though the temple runs three dharmshalas (shelters), most abandoned persons prefer to stay in a shed at the sangama. Two dharamshalas have 18 rooms each, while the third has 35 rooms, says Rathod.

Most of the abandoned people relocated to the shed at the sangama, 2 km from the main temple, on the banks of the Bhīma, after restrictions were brought in a few years ago on staying for the night at the temple premises, says Dattappa Nimbarga, second division assistant at the temple. A group of abandoned women, who have been living in Ganagapura for decades, made permanent huts near Bhasma Gudda (the holy ash hill). Sixty-year-old Shantabai from Pune, who lives in one such hut, recalls how her children abandoned her. But her companions refuse to talk about their families.

The tragic incident of the woman's death on October 18 has now compelled the authorities to address the issue. Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner Yeshwant Gurukar says a destitute rehabilitation centre will be established in Deval Ganagapur. The authorities have issued instructions for surveys to be conducted to identify the abandoned people. "We are collecting details about the relatives and family members of all those who have been abandoned. Cases will be booked against them under Section 24 (exposure and abandonment of senior citizen) of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007," he says.

Apart from bolstering the infrastructure to care for abandoned persons and addressing issues of rehabilitation, there is also an urgent need to ensure their mental well-being. In the sangama, it is not uncommon to see people tied in chains to pillars and trees. Some of them have caregivers, but some have no caregivers in sight.

Thirty-five-year-old Kaveri came to Deval Ganagapur with her mother Draupadi two months ago. Kaveri, a native of Naubad in Bidar district, is suffering from paraplegia, and walks with the help of a walker. "I believe my ailment will be cured at this holy place. I will stay here until I fully recover," she says.

Some distance away, 25-year-old Jyotiram is tied with a chain. His mother Jhanabai Raut, who is feeding him, says her son is a victim of "black magic" that is locally called "Banamati". She believes that he will be cured only if he eats the *prasad* offered by people at the temple.

Addressing stigma

Psychiatrists say that the practice of people abandoning relatives with physical or mental health concerns in Ganagapura must be addressed in an empathetic and nuanced manner. Psychiatrists Irfan Mahagavi and Namdev Chavan, both appointed at the district mental health unit under the National Health Mission, recall a particular case they attended to during a camp at Deval Ganagapur in 2015. Amul, a young man from Maharashtra, was brought to the town by his parents who believed that he was possessed by an evil spirit. However, the parents cooperated when they were approached by the authorities, and Amul was shifted to the district general hospital in Kalaburagi where he was kept under observation for a week. "We diagnosed it as schizophrenia. After counselling and medication, the patient became stable," says Chavan.

Mahagavi cites practical difficulties of providing psychiatric and other health care in Ganagapura. It is a difficult task to counsel or keep track of the medical histories of those who are tied up at the sangama, he says. "We cannot find the same patient on our next visit. Shifting them to a rehabilitation centre is next to impossible. We need to be aware of the practical obstacles here and address them," he says. Mahagavi stresses on the need for better inter-departmental coordination to resolve the issue. For the last eight years, the team has been holding camps in taluk headquarters and in remote places in Kalaburagi.

Mahagavi points out that there is a great deal of stigma attached to mental illness: "Psychiatry and religious beliefs have traditionally had a difficult relationship. The psychiatrist should address a patient's mental illness and allow them to continue with their beliefs in parallel. Though medical practice does not agree with the 'bit of both' theory of medicine as well as prayers, a psychiatrist has to be flexible while treating such cases."

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'All employees can join EPFO pension scheme'

"We suspend the operation of this part of our order for six months. We do so to enable the authorities to make adjustments in the scheme so that the additional contribution can be generated from other legitimate sources within the scope of the Act, which could include enhancing the rate of contribution of the employers," the judgment said. The court held that the amendments to the pension scheme notified in August 22, 2014, would apply to the employees of "exempted establishments" in the list of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), which number over 1,300 companies and entities, in the same manner as for the staff of regular establishments.

The legal dispute primarily concerned the controversial amendments made to clause 11 of the EPS-1995. The 51-page verdict, authored by Justice Aniruddha Bose, came in an appeal filed by the EPFO challenging the decisions of the Kerala, Rajasthan and Delhi High Courts quashing the 2014 amendments on "determination of pensionable salary" under the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) of 1995.

Before the amendments were introduced, every employee, who became a member of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme of 1952 as on November 16, 1995, could avail the EPS. In the pre-amended version of EPS-1995, the maximum pensionable salary was ₹6,500. However, members whose salaries exceeded this cap could also opt, along with employers, to contribute up to 8.33% of their actual salaries to the pension fund.

The 2014 amendments to the EPS, which included changes in Clause 11(3) and insertion of paragraph 11(4), raised the cap from ₹6,500 to ₹15,000. Paragraph 11(4) said only employees, who were existing EPS members as on September 1, 2014, could continue to contribute to the pension fund in accordance with their actual salaries. They were given a window of six months to opt for the new pension regime.

However, the court removed the cut-off date in the 2014 amendments. Employees who retired prior to September 1, 2014, without exercising any option would not be entitled to benefit of this judgment.

Mathura-Vrindavan to become carbon neutral

According to the plan, the Braj region's annual pilgrim-tourist footfall is expected to multiply from the current level of 2.3 crore to six crore by 2041.

"Keeping this in mind, there is a need for eco-friendly development of the area which while aiding the local economy does not have an adverse effect on the environment," said a top official of the Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, the nodal agency for implementing the plan. While the draft masterplan was submitted in March, the strategy document will be submitted this month after which it will be released for public consultation.

To attain a net zero carbon emission status, greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced to as close to zero as possible, with any remaining emissions re-absorbed from the atmosphere, by oceans and forests for instance. To facilitate this in Mathura-Vrindavan, the plan divides the entire region into four clusters, each containing two of the eight key cities. "The idea is to form small circuits called *Parikrama Paths* which the pilgrim can undertake either on foot or using electric vehicles," Shubham Meena of Design Associates, the company which has drafted the plan, told *The Hindu*.

Under Make-II project, 5 tech products get Army nod

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NEW DELHI

The Army has approved five Project Sanction Orders (PSOs) for the development of niche technology by the Indian industry under the Make-II route of defence procurement. It includes high-frequency man-packed software defined radios, drone kill systems, infantry training weapon simulator, medium-range precision kill systems and 155mm terminally guided munitions.

The Make-II projects are essentially industry funded, involving design, development and innovative solutions by Indian vendors for development of prototypes. An assurance of order is given after successful prototype development. The Army is already implementing 43 projects under the Make II procedure of capital acquisition. Seventeen of the projects have been initiated through *suo motu* proposals received from the industry, which has generated enthusiasm and confidence in it for participation in the "Make procedure", it said in a statement.

China names 11 Xinjiang highway bridges after slain Galwan soldiers

As per *Global Times* report, this was done 'as a way of commemorating' the soldiers, who had 'become the epitome of Chinese people's ever-growing patriotic sentiment'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Beijing on Friday said it had named 11 bridges along its key Tibet-Xinjiang highway, parts of which run through Aksai Chin, after four Chinese soldiers killed in the June 2020 Galwan Valley clash.

Eleven bridges along the G219 national highway, which today runs along China's western borders and initially began as an artery through Aksai Chin linking Tibet and Xinjiang – its construction in the 1950s on land claimed by India triggered tensions eventually leading up to the 1962 war – have been named after the four PLA soldiers and their hometowns in China, the Communist Party-run *Global Times* reported.

This was done "as a way of commemorating" the soldiers, the newspaper said, adding that they had "become the epitome of Chinese people's ever-growing patriotic sentiment."

In the Galwan Valley clash between the Indian and Chinese army men, 20 Indian soldiers had lost lives. AP

Aggressive moves

The June 2020 Galwan Valley clash followed the PLA's aggressive moves along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) starting in April that year. The clash led to the loss of lives of 20 Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese soldiers, marking the worst violence on the border since 1967. China only announced its fatalities in February 2021.

Tensions on the LAC remain three years on, with the PLA since dragging its feet in disengaging and de-escalating. Both sides have disengaged at five friction points but are yet to do so in Demchok and Depsang. Three years on, Chinese state media have continued to highlight the Galwan clash and the role of its soldiers, five of whom received honours, four of them posthumously. The bridges are named after the four soldiers, Chen Xiangrong, Xiao Siyuan, Wang Zhuoran and Chen Hongjun, and their hometowns.

The Galwan commander Qi Fabao, who was honoured by the PLA Central Military Commission headed by leader Xi Jinping, last month attended the Communist Party Congress, as one of the 2,296 invited party delegates – a politically significant move, observers said, that was meant to send a signal both within China and abroad.

Twitter India sees major lay-offs; Musk fires 250 staff

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Twitter India team has been "significantly" impacted by the global lay-offs at the social networking platform with the majority of the about 250-member team being fired, a week after Elon Musk acquired the company for $44 billion, according to sources.

The lay-offs have impacted all business verticals in India, including marketing, communication and partnerships. While the exact number is not known, at least 50-60% of the staff have been let go. The employees who have been retained are majorly in the sales operations. As per internal plans reviewed by *Reuters*, Mr. Musk is looking to cut around 3,700 Twitter staff, or about half the workforce, as he seeks to slash costs and impose a demanding new work ethic. *Reuters* added that Twitter Inc. cut workers' access to internal systems on Friday after telling employees they would be informed by email about whether they were being laid off.

Biden regime pushes for envoy nominee as deadline comes closer

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

With just two months to go in the current U.S. Congressional term, the Biden administration is redoubling efforts to ensure the nomination of Eric Garcetti as Ambassador to India is cleared by the Senate in the next few weeks, before his nomination lapses.

Confirming that the U.S. still intends to send the Los Angeles Mayor and close associate of President Joseph Biden to New Delhi, the White House said the appointment remains a "priority", especially given that it's nearly two years since the last Ambassador Kenneth Juster left Delhi.

"We continue to seek the expeditious confirmation of Mayor Garcetti – that is important to this

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

President, a priority to this President – who was voted out of committee with strong bipartisan support to serve as Ambassador to India," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said on Thursday, referring to the fact that Mr. Garcetti, who was nominated in July 2021, was cleared by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January 2022.

However, the last step of voting on his confirmation on the floor of the Senate has not happened yet, although others who were cleared by the committee at the same time, including Ambassadors to Pakistan, Germany and the Vatican were confirmed and posted shortly afterwards.

Mr. Garcetti's nomination was effectively blocked by two Republican Senators over allegations of sexual harassment by his deputy in office.

Though the blocks have reportedly been lifted, the Biden administration has not felt confident of the numbers in the Senate to bring his nomination to the floor. Even without holds, the administration would need a simple majority of 51 votes in the Senate, where Democrat strength at present is 48, and it is unclear if all Democrats are on board with the Garcetti appointment.

Much will now depend on how next week's mid-term Congressional elections play out, and analysts warn that a swing in favour of the opposition Republican party could further complicate the appointment. In addition, the Garcetti nomination will lapse on January 3, 2023.

"Not having an Ambassador in place has a substantial impact on the relationship, as the U.S. is missing opportunities to strengthen ties. It is crucial that the U.S. administration brings Mr. Garcetti's nomination to the Senate for confirmation as soon as the mid-term elections are over," Mukesh Aghi, president and CEO of the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum told *The Hindu*.

INBRIEF

Two AK-47, one Chinese pistol recovered in searches: Army

The Army recovered more arms and ammunition from the Poonch sector on Friday, a day after an infiltrator was killed near the Line of Control (LoC) and two others were injured. "Two AK-74 rifles along with four magazines and 43 rounds, one Chinese pistol with seven rounds, one magazine, one Claymore mine along with cable and battery, one SMG magazine, and one small packet of contraband material were recovered," the Army statement added.

Modi did not praise me, says Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot

Two days after Congress leader Sachin Pilot targeted him over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's purported accolades, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday in Jaipur said Mr. Modi had neither praised him, nor had he made any remarks on his performance. "Mr. Modi only said that I was senior in the lot when we worked together as Chief Ministers," Mr. Gehlot told reporters during his visit to Baran. He said he did not consider these remarks as any kind of commendation.

Australian police work with CBI to nab murder suspect

The Australian Federal Police is working with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to track down an Indian man in an alleged murder case of a 24-year-old woman from Queensland about four years ago, according to the authorities. The Queensland government has announced a reward worth ₹5.31 crore for providing information and leading to the arrest of Rajwinder Singh, born in Punjab's Buttar Kalan village of Gurdaspur, who is now suspected to be currently "living somewhere in India".

Murmu inaugurates IIMC's permanent campus in Aizawl

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Indian Institute of Mass Communication's (IIMC) permanent campus in Mizoram's Aizawl on Thursday. According to the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, the campus will be running post-graduate diploma courses in English journalism and digital media besides other short duration courses. The IIMC's northeastern campus had originally started functioning in 2011 from a temporary building.

HC notice to ASI for probe of *shivling* in Gyanvapi case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the ongoing Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple dispute, the Allahabad High Court on Friday issued notice to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), directing it to file an affidavit by November 21 on whether it is possible to conduct a scientific investigation of the purported "shivling" found inside the premises.

Justice J.J. Munir was hearing a petition challenging an order of the Varanasi district court last month that rejected an application seeking carbon-dating of the purported "*shivling*". The application was first filed before Varanasi district judge A.K. Vishvesha by four of the five Hindu plaintiffs.

The High Court asked the ASI to state whether it would be able to conduct any scientific investigation of the structure that can determine its nature, age.

'SEWA pioneered by Elaben was innovative experiment'

TRIBUTE

Muchkund Dubey

Elaben Bhatt, a legendary figure in post-Independent India, passed away in Ahmedabad on November 2. Her demise is a grievous loss to the nation. SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) pioneered by her was one of the most innovative and successful experiments in India in the field of social development. SEWA empowered women in India in the comprehensive sense of the term on a scale never witnessed before.

It simultaneously provided employment to women and promoted cooperative production, consumption and marketing of textiles which constituted the core of India's industrialisation. It also decisively influenced the course of trade unionism and labour movement in India.

For her work, Elaben received numerous accolades and was conferred several national and international awards including Padma Bhushan, Magsaysay Award and the Indira Gandhi Sadbhavna Award. She was a Member of Parliament and of the Planning Commission of the Government of India. She used all these opportunities to bring about a structural improvement in the condition of Indian women.

Elaben was simplicity incarnate, both in the way she lived and interacted with people and expressed herself. She was often seen dressed in plain white sari with tastefully designed border.

In recalling my association with Elaben, an incident that comes to my mind is my consultation with her on the telephone on my taking up the task of promoting Grameen Bank movement in India pioneered by another visionary of the Indian sub-continent, Muhammad Yunus.

Professor Yunus had sounded me to take a lead in establishing and directing a company which would bring together all the existing projects of the Grameen Bank in India

Elaben Bhatt

and aim to broaden the Grameen Bank movement in the country. I sought Elaben advice on whether I should plunge into this venture on nearly a full-time basis. Her advice was clearly 'no'.

For, she did not believe that employment for women could be created and sustained by a simple banking device. Any sustainable and rewarding employment must involve women's participation in the process of production, consumption and distribution. In the process, they should acquire education and skill, create institutions of their own and enhance their bargaining strength.

Elaben gracefully accepted the invitation extended to her for participating in the World Conference on Recreating South Asia, held in New Delhi in February 2011, organised by the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) and Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS). She presented at the conference a beautifully written creative piece under the title "Livelihood, nature and oeace: a Grahini perspective".

Hundred Mile Principle

In this paper, she gave a perspective analysis of the objectives and special features of SEWA and elaborated the Hundred Mile Principle and the Grahini Theory of International Relations propounded by her at that time. In short, the Hundred Mile Principle involved the "use of products and services primary to life that are solely produced within a radius of hundred miles".

The Grahini Theory of International Relations combined such elements as elimination of poverty and deprivation as an essential requirement for establishing peace, a society free of violence and the need to bring nature into the peace process. This article is included as a chapter in the book "Democracy, Sustainable Development and Peace: New Perspectives on South Asia" co-edited by Akmal Hussain of Pakistan and myself and published by the Oxford University Press.

Elaben Bhatt left an indelible mark on the course of the history of social development in India. History is made by those who enter the scene in an unpretentious and self-effacing manner and leave a stamp of their originality and vision, and not by the procession of those who, to quote Shakespeare, make much sound and fury signifying nothing.

In conclusion, I bow my head to a personality who closely touched my heart and soul as that of the millions of other Indians and who left an indelible mark on the course of Indian history.

(The author is a former Foreign Secretary)

INBRIEF

ED attaches Shabir Shah's assets in terror funding case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached an immoveable property in the name of Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah in connection with a terror funding case against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Hafiz Saeed and others. The property worth ₹21.8 lakh is located in Srinagar's Botshah Colony, said the agency on Friday. The ED alleged that Mr. Shah was actively involved in the activities of fuelling unrest in the Kashmir Valley by way of stone pelting, processions, protests, bandhs, hartals and other subversive activities. In September 2017, the ED chargesheeted Mr. Shah in a terror funding case and three years later, a supplementary chargesheet was filed against his wife, Bilquies Shah.

BJP leader accuses Nitish of Muslim appeasement

Reacting to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's veiled jibe at the Union government that "nothing was happening in the poor States" but "only propaganda" was being spread, State BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand on Friday alleged that in the Muslim-dominated districts of the State, the Dalits, Other Backward Class and Extremely Backward Class were suffering. "If you [Mr. Kumar] love to do Muslim appeasement or are obsessed with Pakistan, then you go there but don't create a Pakistan in Bihar," Mr. Anand said. Mr. Anand, who is also the national general secretary of the party's OBC Morcha, objected to Mr. Kumar's move to appoint Urdu teachers in every school of the State.

Close fight between BJP, Congress in Himachal polls

BJP has dropped 11 sitting MLAs from candidate list to fight anti-incumbency sentiments in the State; Congress may be hit by factionalism and fragmented leadership in the State unit

Vikas Vasudeva
SHIMLA/BILASPUR

A close fight is on the cards in the Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh, with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party hindered by anti-incumbency sentiments, while the challenging Congress has been affected by factionalism and fragmented leadership within its State unit.

Himachal Pradesh is scheduled to go to the polls on November 12 to elect representatives to the 68 seats in its Legislative Assembly. Many voters have expressed mixed sentiments towards both the Congress and the BJP, which have been alternatively forming governments in the State for over three decades.

The bipolar nature of the electoral battle is unlikely to change this time around. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is contesting 67 out of 68 seats after an emphatic win in neighbouring Punjab earlier this year, hardly seems to have found its footing among Himachal Pradesh's voters.

At Panjpuri village in Bilaspur district, 24-year-old Lucky, who runs a daily needs shop, said he had been confident of the BJP's return to power until its candidates were announced. "Several schemes were started by the BJP, especially the one for free treatment, which is good. I feel they [BJP] did a fine job, but after they announced their candidates, dropping their sitting MLAs in a few constituencies, there is a feeling that the party was not confident of its work," he said.

The BJP has denied candidature to 11 of its sitting MLAs, including a Minister, and has also shifted the constituencies of two other Ministers. The selection of new faces as BJP candidates is being seen by a section of voters as a strategic attempt by the party to offset the anti-incumbency factor.

Noting that Cabinet Minister Suresh Bhardwaj, who is the MLA currently representing the Shimla (Urban) seat, will be contesting from the Kasumpti constituency instead this year, Dalip Gupta, who runs a grocery store in Shimla, said "this is a clear indication that they are fearing a backlash".

In Bilaspur town, Des Raj, who runs a chemist shop, argued that the Congress party had a chance to wrest power in the upcoming election if they presented a united face. "I feel Congress has a chance to win in the election, but several leaders have left the party recently due to factionalism, which could be detrimental to their electoral prospects," he said.

The BJP and the Congress are contesting all 68 Assembly sets.

Other parties in the fray include the Bahujan Samaj Party, which is contesting in 53 constituencies, the Rashtriya Devbhoomi Party in 29, and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in 11.

Close contest: BJP president J.P. Nadda with party candidate Suresh Bhardwaj during a roadshow as part of the election campaign in Shimla. PTI

Centre, employees for detailed study of EPFO case verdict

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Labour Ministry, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and organisations of employees and employers are studying the Supreme Court order on Friday upholding the validity of the Employees Pension (Amendment) Scheme of 2014.

Sources in the Labour Ministry said it would come up with detailed guidelines for the employees and employers on implementing the verdict.

A.K. Padmanabhan, workers' representative on the EPFO Board of Trustees, told *The Hindu* that the Supreme Court had upheld the verdict in the case of *RC Gupta vs EPFO*.

"Maybe, there are some points which need to be clarified. We have been maintaining that what EPFO has done to a section of workers was an injustice. We will study the judgment before making a detailed comment. Many of our unions have gone to the court demanding clarification on this issue," Mr. Padmanabhan said.

'Incomplete verdict'

BMS national secretary V. Radhakrishnan said the apex court had not taken a decision on a number of issues that were connected with the minimum pension.

"This verdict is incomplete. Certain aspects in the verdict such as approving the EPFO's argument that the average of last 60 months' salary should be considered for calculating the pension are not good for the workers. But the verdict clearly declined to accept the EPFO's argument that the worker will have to remit the Union government's component of 1.16%. This is a welcome step. Our view is that this verdict needs more clarity from the court," he said.

K.E. Raghunathan, another member of the board representing employers, said the judgment needed to be studied in detail on its deliverables from each stakeholder such as the EPFO, employers and employees for a detailed remark.

The Supreme Court has upheld the verdict in the case of *RC Gupta vs EPFO*.

Isudan Gadhvi is AAP chief ministerial face

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A 40-year-old TV journalist-turned-politician Isudan Gadhvi has been declared as the chief ministerial face of the AAP in Gujarat. He is the national joint general secretary of the AAP.

"A farmer's son like me has been given such huge responsibility because of Arvind Kejriwal's politics," Mr. Gadhvi said.

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said 16 lakh people participated in the survey conducted regarding its CM face and 73% suggested Mr. Gadhvi's name.

Congress announces first list of candidates

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday released its first list of 43 candidates for the Gujarat Assembly elections to be held in two phases on December 1 and 5.

According to the list released, former Gujarat Congress chief Arjun Modhwadiya has been fielded from Porbandar, and Hiteshbhai Vora from Rajkot South.

The first list was declared after the candidates' names were finalised during a meeting of the party's Central Election Committee (CEC).

Shiv Sena (Taksali) leader Sudhir Suri shot dead in Amritsar

Special Correspondent
CHANDIGARH

Sudhir Suri, leader of the Shiv Sena (Taksali), a local right-wing outfit, was shot dead in broad daylight in the presence of over a dozen policemen around him in Punjab's Amritsar on Friday, evoking sharp criticism over the deteriorating law and order situation in the State.

While the Opposition parties criticised the Aam Aadmi Party government for the State's "inaction", ruling party MLA Kunwar Pratap Singh too voiced his disapproval, saying "there's no such thing in the name of law and order in Amritsar".

Suri had police protection on account of threats from gangsters and anti-social elements. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said Suri was sitting in a protest outside Gopal Mandir, when he was attacked. He was protesting against alleged "sacrilege" of holy pictures and idols in the garbage pile outside the temple.

The Punjab Police detained an Amritsar-based shopkeeper identified as Sandeep Singh Sunny for firing at Suri.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 104,105 /SE/PHC/TSR/2022-23, **Jal Jeevan Mission - Phase II -** Providing Distribution Network and providing FHTC and street main extension to Erumapetty Panchayath, RKI-WSS to Pavaratty & Mullassery Panchayaths in Chavakkad Taluk (Phase 2) - Balance works-Street main Extension, **EMD :** Rs. 5,00,000 /-,1,00,000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 17,700/- 8,850 /-, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 24-11-2022, 03:00 pm, **Phone :** 0487 - 2423230.
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
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TRIVANDRUM (WORKS BRANCH)
E-TENDER NOTICE No.V/W/TVC/22/2022 DATED 03/11/2022
Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer (s)/contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for **WORKS** in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

S. No.	Description	Approx. value Rs. (in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of completion in months
1.	(a) PB 787/2021-22 - Trivandrum Division -(a) Complete track renewal (p) for a length of 2.423 Km. (Shoranur - Ernakulam Section - 1.243 Km-DN, Shoranur-Ernakulam - Section - 1.180Km UP) with 60kg rails / PSC sleepers. (b) Ernakulam Trip shed - Through sleeper renewal (P) for a length of 0.5 Km with new PSC sleepers.	140.21	220100	TWELVE
2.	Divinnagar- EMERGENCY REPAIR TO COLLAPSED RETAINING WALL OF PF NO. 2 (UP LINE.SIDE) AT KM 65/400-500.	30.06	60100	SIX
3.	SSE/W/TCR - Up keeping of Railway Colony and Engineering installations for Two years.	32.63	65300	TWENTY FOUR
4.	Trivandrum Division - Deep screening of track and points & crossings by BCM.	56.86	113700	SIX
5.	TVC Division -(a) TRR(P) for a length of 3.50 km (Km. 23.900 to 27.400 UP line) in ERS-KTYM-KYJ Section. (b) CTR(S) 1 KM at Ettumanur yard.	81.65	163300	TWELVE
6.	Zone E-Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM .13.520 TO KM.96.230 (Chottanikara Road INCL & Chengannur INCLUSIVE) in Kottayam Pway section.	55.00	110000	TWELVE
7.	ZONE J2 Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works From KM 222.000 TO KM.287.100 Trivandrum Rural- TVC) (Excl) - Nagercoil Town (Excl) in Trivandrum Pway section.	31.00	62000	TWELVE
8.	Trivandrum Division - Manual Deep screening of track in points and crossings in Sr.DEN/North Jurisdiction.	81.80	163600	SIX
9.	Trivandrum Division - Divisional Engineer/North Jurisdiction - Provision of Passenger Lifts at Guruvayur - 2 Nos (PF 1 & 2), Angamally - 2 Nos (PF1 & 2) (Balance Work).	32.65	65300	SIX
10.	Ernakulam sub division:- Construction of boundary wall to safe guard track and establishments.	294. 57	297300	EIGHTEEN
11.	Destressing of LWR in Ernakulam Sub division.	52.25	104500	TWELVE
12.	Improvements to gate lodges and water connections at LCs in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Trichur sub division.	94.16	188300	SIX
13.	Improvements to gate lodges and water connections at LCs in ADEN/ERS sub division.	93.59	187200	SIX
14.	Sr. Divisional Engineer North jurisdiction - Supply and installation of track based way side gauge face rail lubricators electronic type.	38.4	76800	EIGHT
15.	Ernakulam Marshalling yard :- Reconstruction of staff quarters Type II - 10 units in lieu of qrs no.11 A-D, 12 A-D & 13A-B (Type I).	184.72	242400	FOURTEEN
16.	ERM CD - Provision of Water Recycling Plant.	159.29	229700	FIFTEEN
17.	Sr. Divisional Engineer/North Jurisdiction:- Execution of works and supply of material for bridge maintenance for the year 2022-23.	119.67	209800	TWELVE
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Tender Closing date and time: **Sl No: 1 to 9 : 24/11/2022 at 11.00 hrs. Sl No: 10 to 18 : 28/11/2022 at 11.00 hrs.**
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Request for Proposal
Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha invites bids from leading event management agencies to the **"RFP for Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Gym Equipment for DSYS, Government of Odisha"**. The details of the document are available at the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/**
Interested firms/ parties/ agencies are advised to study the RfP document carefully before submitting their bid.
Important Dates and Information :
Pre-Bid meeting - 08.11.2022 at 11.00 AM
Response to Pre-Bid queries - 09.11.2022
Last date and time of submission of proposal - 23.11.2022 up to 04:00 PM
Opening of the Technical Bid - 23.11.2022 at 5:00 PM
Technical presentation - To be intimated later
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No.5303 / Dt.28.10.2022

Nature of work	:- Building & Road Works
Number of works	:- 05 (Five) Nos Building Works & 1(One) No Road Work
Amount put to Tender	:- Rs.105.60 Lakh to Rs.808.08 Lakh
Class of Contractor	:- "B" Class / "A" Class / "Special" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal	:- Dt.09.11.2022 at 10.00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal	:- Dt.23.11.2022 up to 05.00 PM
Date of opening of bid	:- Dt.24.11.2022 at 11.00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid	:- Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore.

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No: KSRLPS/DDUGKY/PAA-01/2022-23 Date: 01.11.2022
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DDUGKY-SAGARMALA CONVERGENCE PROGRAMME
Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Mission (KSRLM) has floated EoI for DDUGKY-SAGARMALA project vide letter No. dated 17.10.2022. The timeline to submit the proposal was given upto 31.10.2022. Due to many paucities of time and the reach of information for the aspirant's agencies, it has decided to extend the date of submission of the EoI from **01.11.2022 to 30.11.2022.** The details of the EoI mentioned as below:
Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Mission (KSRLM) intends to take up proposal from the Agencies registered with Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India (Agencies with valid PRN) for implementation of Sagarmala- DDU-GKY Convergence Programme. It is a joint venture of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India. In the state of Karnataka, particularly from three coastal districts namely Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada and Udupi districts are covered under this project. The proposal submission window for online submission of proposal is open. Interested agencies may submit their proposal(s) online at **erp.ddugky.info**. While formulating the proposal, notifications issued by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India from time to time regarding implementation of scheme should be taken in to consideration prior to filling proposals online. The notifications can be referred at **http://ddugky.gov.in/notifications**, along with non-refundable application fee of Rs. 25,000/- paid to Bank accounts of DDU-GKY, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood Department, KSRLM. Account No:**043110120681 4,** Name of Bank- **Canara Bank,** Branch- **Cunningham Road,** IFSC Code - **CNRB0000431 on or before 30.11.2022.** Incomplete proposals in any respect shall be summarily rejected .Hence, PIA has to submit applications as per norms. For further information, please mail to **nrlmkarnataka@gmail.com**. The Courses/Job roles that could be selected by the Agencies while submitting the proposal are available in Sanjeevini-KSRLPS website **https://ksrlps.karnataka.gov.in** The state target under DDUGKY-SAGARAMALA is **2694 candidates.** The duration of the project period**: 36 months.**
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INBRIEF

Eleven dead as SUV rams into bus in Madhya Pradesh

Eleven persons, including three women and two children, aboard a sports utility vehicle (SUV) were killed when an SUV and a bus collided at Jhallar in Betul of Madhya Pradesh in the early hours of Friday. All the passengers in the car, barring the driver, were either labourers or their kin returning from Amravati in Maharashtra.

Activists to strengthen protest against nod to GM mustard

A group of activists, farmers' leaders and scientists has said they would strengthen the stir against Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee's approval for GM mustard. The platform, named as "Sarson Satyagraha" said they will ensure that GM mustard planting does not end up being an irreversible misadventure.

World's rhythms, a delectable India at dance fete

Artists from 10 countries take part in National Tribal Dance Festival in Chhattisgarh, showcasing talent and getting a glimpse of Indian culture

SPECIAL

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Happy feet: Tribal artists perform during the National Tribal Dance Festival in Raipur on Tuesday. PTI

From what looks like an elaborate spread, a bunch of teenagers from north Sumatra pick chapatti as their favourite. For all the similarities between Indian and Indonesian cuisine, wheat is a rarity back home, and they would like to indulge in this local staple in the limited time here, they say.

Seated a few tables away are Marco Pandelich, 25, and his troupe from Serbia. For this group – all members of the Talija Art Company who have been performing together for the past 20 years and have travelled across the globe – the standout part about India is the sheer number of people who turned out to watch their dance.

They were among the representatives from 10 countries sharing their experiences in India while they had converged in Raipur for the National Tribal Dance Festival. The third edition of the three-day event, which the Chhattisgarh government claims is one of its kind anywhere in the world, concluded on Thursday.

While teams from all over the country competed in the festival, the international contingent, comprising artists from Mozambique, Mongolia, Togo, Russia, Indonesia, the Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand, Rwanda and Egypt, were invited to add an international flavour. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said it was aimed at uniting the world for the rights of tribes.

While the crowd enjoyed their performances, the dance troupes also described the experience as enriching, getting a glimpse of the diverse Indian culture as well as fellow international participants.

Shahira Nafisha, a 15-year-old from Indonesia, said her group was formed combining students from different schools in her region.

Their group leader, Dewi Marlina Marv, who has been to India before, said that on their way to Raipur, the troupe's members had many questions about the country. "They asked me questions like 'Is dance mandatory for girls in India?' or 'What are the various dance forms they have?' or "How is the food there?'. I was pleased to share whatever I knew," she said.

One aspect of India that most from this cross-section is familiar with is Bollywood and marquee names such as Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol. Some obliged to media requests and flawlessly sang a couple of Hindi film numbers while gleefully admitting that they do not have much knowledge about the language, and it was mostly by rehearsing and repeat watches that they were able to pull off the show.

As many as 1,500 artists performed with Chhattisgarh and Sikkim bagging the top prizes in the competitive categories. For some, the event was also an opportunity to have a brief reconnect with roots.

Satendra Singh, a fifth generation Indian living in New Zealand who had come with the New Zealand indigenous cultural team, said Indian people had very close relations with Maori people and they even marry with each other.

Pollution on, Modi, Kejriwal gone: Cong. on air quality

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday slammed both the BJP-led Union government and the Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government for the hazardous pollution levels in the national capital, and demanded that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal immediately resign and apologise. Meanwhile, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, distancing himself from the political war of words over the issue, has called for the States and the Centre to work together for a scientific solution to the problem.

Addressing reporters at the Congress headquarters on Friday, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said, "Pollution on, Arvind Kejriwal and Narendra Modi gone", suggesting that both the Prime Minister and the Delhi Chief Minister were busy campaigning in election-bound States instead of dealing with pollution in the capital. On Friday, a thick envelope of smog blanketed Delhi as the air quality remained in the "severe" zone for the second consecutive day. Primary schools would remain shut till the situation improves.

As Delhi gasps, Kejriwal says stubble burning major cause

It is the responsibility of Punjab's AAP government, will find solution by next November, says Delhi Chief Minister; Punjab Agriculture Department claims bio-decomposer is not cost-effective

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Smog-hit commute: A train passes through a thick layer of smog in New Delhi on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

For the second straight day, the air quality in the National Capital Region remained in the worst or "severe" category of the air quality index as thick haze blanketed the city.

With pollutants from the burning of paddy stubble in Punjab said to be a significant contributing factor, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, at a joint press conference with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday, admitted that this was "the responsibility of the AAP government in Punjab", but that six months (since the party came to power) was too short a time to fix the problem.

"A bumper crop has meant more paddy stubble, and we promise to find a solution by next November," he said.

In the last week, the worsening air quality index prompted the Union and the State governments of Delhi and Punjab to trade accusations of not doing enough to address stubble burning, particularly on the use of the bio-decomposer, a microbial liquid spray, that has been experimented on for at least two years in the Delhi NCR region.

The bio-decomposer when sprayed onto paddy stubble breaks it down in a way that can be easily absorbed into the soil whereby farmers then have no need to burn the stubble.

The product was expected to be applied on five lakh acres of farmland in Haryana, or about 15% of the acreage under paddy. This year, instances of stubble burning have reduced to 2,440 from 3,666 last year in the State.

In Punjab, however, limited bio-decomposer had been applied with Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav claiming that the State had "officially" declined to use the spray saying it was ineffective. This year, there have been 26,583 instances of burning in Punjab compared to the 23,610 in the corresponding period last year. This, however, is nearly 54% of such instances recorded in 2020. Of the 75 lakh acres of paddy in Punjab, the State had committed to use the spray only in five lakh acres. An official in Punjab said that the spray had been applied in about "90%" of this area but there was pessimism about its success.

Rain marred collection

Experts said that persistent rain in October shortened the time available for farmers to collect the residue. Moreover, unlike in previous years where farmers would pay to clear their crop of stubble or burn them, several were now expecting agents to pay them upfront for collecting it. "Farmers now want some money for it and using a decomposer to turn the straw into mulch is obviously less lucrative than selling it," Ravinder Khaiwal, Professor of Environment Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh, said.

Meanwhile, the contribution of pollutants from stubble burning to Delhi's noxious air increased to about 30% on Friday, a steady increase from 12% on November 1. According to the analysis by National Clean Air Programme tracker, average PM 2.5 levels in October this year were higher as compared to 2021 in capital cities of Delhi, Chandigarh, Lucknow and Patna.

Enrolments in govt. schools up; private ones see drop

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Government schools continued to see a rise in enrolments for the second consecutive year since the COVID-19 outbreak, while private schools saw a decline.

As many as 83.35 lakh new students sought admission in government schools in 2021-22, according to the Ministry of Education's Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2021-22 report.

The number of new joinees at government schools was more than double the previous year when 39.72 lakh sought admission in government schools. This resulted in a total increase in enrolments of 9.4% over the two-year period since 2019-20.

In private schools, however, these numbers dropped from 9.51 crore to 8.82 crore in 2021-22. The drop of 68.85 lakh students last academic session was more than double that of 30.52 lakh who exited these schools the previous year.

Since 2019-20, there has been a total decline of 10.1% in enrolments in private schools.

UGC relaxes eligibility norms for institutions to get 'deemed' status

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The draft UGC regulations create a new category of institutions known as 'distinct institution'

Higher education institutions which focus on addressing strategic needs of the country, preserving Indian cultural heritage or languages will qualify to receive the 'Deemed to be University' status without the need to comply with eligibility norms laid down for other institutions.

The University Grants Commission on Friday invited stakeholder comments on its draft UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2022, which will replace the 2019 regulations.

The draft regulations create a new category of institutions, known as "distinct institution". These are institutions with "focus on teaching and/or research in unique discipline (s) and/or addressing the strategic needs of the country or engaged in the preservation of Indian cultural heritage or preservation of environment or dedicated to skill development or dedicated to sports or languages or any other discipline(s)."

These institutions will be exempted from eligibility criteria laid down for other higher education institutions to receive "Deemed to be University" status. These include valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council with at least 3.01 CGPA for three consecutive cycles, or ranking among top 50 or top 100 given by the National Institute Ranking Framework. Neither will they be required to comply with the requirement of a teacher-student ratio of 1:20.

Among other important changes proposed, an institution will not be required to be in existence of 20 years before seeking the status.

Also, a cluster of government or private institutions that are either from the same sponsoring body or different sponsoring bodies, can also apply for the status. The UGC, and not the Ministry of Education, will now be the authority for granting permission to a Deemed to be University to set up an off-campus centre.

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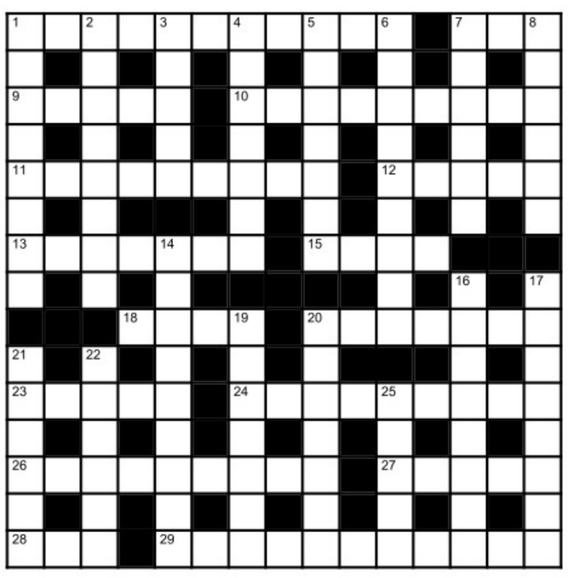

Across

1 Sign that a guitarist's on a roll (11)
7 Drop some sauce (3)
9 Trainee acted improperly (5)
10 Written statement from a fellow providing back up crane... (9)
11 ...are rather found in one corner of the table (4,5)
12 Diving? No, no good when wearing this (5)
13 Very little money for booze, get principal support at the back (7)
15 Not a soul in polling station on election day (4)
18 Starts raising immediately a lot of money (4)
20 Rectify soldier's habit (7)
23 In own surroundings sweetheart is shy (5)
24 May be Captain Marvel can make our sphere turn topsy-turvy (9)
26 Placed on fire right away before the wound finally festered (9)
27 Subject partly revised in a moment (5)
28 American in a big city, reportedly opposes the motion (3)
29 Support shaky, remained using chicanery (11)

Down

1 Fire people in the contest (4,4)
2 Enraged about taking one in a headlong rush (8)
3 It's included in the tax (5)
4 Mixed up characters or a couple of farm animals? (7)
5 Went around as if Chinese joined them here in Iran (7)
6 Team covered but not allowed to play (9)
7 Lovely to have dinner around six (6)
8 Atop — from bottom to top is a dialect (6)
14 Sid will make a hue and cry (5,4)
16 Bananas are made ripe initially with sugar (8)
17 Finally these nations became European (8)
19 One way to cut fish, if one is so inclined (7)
20 Jockey astride a pony initially is faster (7)
21 Charlie's invitation for a ride to a composer (6)
22 Courage to get everyone off the support frame (6)
25 One giving support — could be a factor for a runner (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	3	2	9	1	6	4	5	8
6	2	5	8	3	1	9	7	4
9	8	4	7	2	5	3	6	1
1	7	3	6	4	9	8	2	5

FAITH

Symbol of integration

Vinayaka, the first deity to be worshiped by all Hindus, is an embodiment of various forms and hence is a symbol of universal integration. Visualised with the head of an elephant, the lower parts of an asura, one side of the face sporting a tusk and the other without tusk, He embodies both genders. Made of the simplest of materials, clay, and worshipped using the most basic of the offerings, grass, Vinayaka personifies all living things. He is a symbol of victory and shows devotees the path to achieve the same in all walks of life. The "fruit" Arunagiri Nadhar refers to in his "Kaithala Nirai Kani" is the fruit of knowledge He obtained from His parents through His wisdom and insight. When challenged to circumnavigate the world, He went around His parents, signalling high philosophy. Everything about Vinayaka is full of deep philosophical meaning and significance. The Mothagam with the sweet core encased in the soft casing made of rice flour embodies the inner soul and the outer body of living beings, said Thiruppugazh Madhivannan in a lecture.

Ours is a land of faith and spirituality. Chinese philosopher Confucius told his followers, "you should perform more good deeds so as to be reborn in India. It is the land of wisdom." To those not familiar with Hinduism, the pantheon of Gods might appear confusing. However, diversity is the essence of life. Hinduism allows one to pray to a deity of their choice. However, everyone prays to Vinayaka as He is the great starter. We pray to all gods with hands folded and palms held together, but we worship Vinayaka by knocking our foreheads and going down on squats, indicative of the special significance He holds for all.

TEHRAN

Raisi dismisses Biden's 'free Iran' pledge after protests aggravate

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi dismissed a pledge from U.S. leader Joe Biden to "free Iran" as the clerical regime faced a new upsurge in protests seven weeks into the anti-regime movement. Mr. Raisi's remarks came during a gathering commemorating the November 1979 takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran by students. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump hints at 2024 presidency run, says 'will probably do it again'

Donald Trump is planning to ride a wave of Republican victories in next week's midterm elections by announcing a run for the presidency, U.S. media reported on Friday. "In order to make our country successful and safe and glorious, I will very, very, very probably do it again," Mr. Trump told a rally in Iowa.

BANGKOK

Myanmar military takes delivery of Russian fighter jets: monitor

Myanmar's military has begun taking delivery of a batch of Russian-made combat jets, a monitoring group said, the latest hardware shipped from Moscow as activists accuse the junta of hitting civilians with air strikes. In 2018, under the Aung San Suu Kyi government, the junta purchased six Sukhoi Su-30s from Russia. AP

HELSINKI

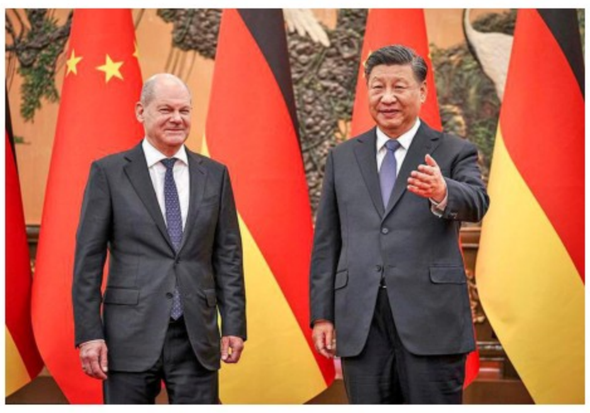
Finnish PM Marin cleared of misconduct in partying scandal

Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin was cleared of misconduct in an inquiry after a leaked video showed the 36-year-old partying last August. Finland's chancellor of justice concluded that there was "no reason to suspect the Prime Minister of unlawful conduct in the performance of her duties or of neglect of her official duties". AFP

In Beijing, Scholz urges Xi to exert influence on Russia

The international community should create conditions for talks and jointly oppose the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, Xi said

Associated Press
BEIJING



Furthering interests: Olaf Scholz, left, and Xi Jinping meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Friday. AP

In a much-scrutinised meeting on Friday with President Xi Jinping in Beijing, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz urged China to exert its influence on Russia, while the Chinese leader repeated a call for talks between Moscow and Ukraine and warned against the conflict going nuclear.

Mr. Scholz is in Beijing for a one-day visit that has drawn criticism over China's tacit support for Russia, lingering controversies over economic ties and human rights issues, as well as the timing of the trip.

It comes after Mr. Xi further cemented his rule at a major Communist Party congress last month and as China continues to refuse to criticise Russia.

Mr. Scholz's visit reflects the importance of Germany's trade ties with China, the world's second-largest economy, particularly in the auto and manufacturing sectors. Mercedes Benz alone sold 758,863 cars in China last year, more than in any other country.

Mr. Scholz, who is travelling with several top German business leaders, received a formal welcome from Mr. Xi, who was recently reappointed head of the ruling Communist Party for a third term, at the Great Hall of the People in the heart of Beijing.

"At present, the international situation is complex and changeable," Mr. Xi was quoted as telling Mr. Scholz by state broadcaster *CCTV*. "As influential powers, China and Germany should work together in times of change and chaos to make more contributions to world peace and development."

Balanced framework

On Ukraine, Mr. Xi "pointed out that China supports Germany and the EU in playing an important role in promoting peace talks and promoting the building of a balanced, effective and sustainable European security framework". That was apparently a nod to Russia's anger over NATO's eastern expansion.

The international community should "create conditions for the resumption of negotiations (and) jointly oppose the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons," Xi said.

Without offering evidence, Russia has repeated Moscow's allegation that Ukraine is plotting a false-flag attack involving a radioactive dirty bomb that it would try to pin on Russia.

"President Xi and I agree that nuclear threats are irresponsible and highly dangerous. By using nuclear weapons, Russia would cross a line that the international community has drawn together," Mr. Scholz said. He also said he brought up human rights and market access, and told Mr. Xi that any change in the status of self-governing Taiwan "can only happen peacefully and by mutual agreement."

Civilians have to be removed from Kherson, says Putin

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday said civilians should be taken out of Moscow-occupied Kherson in southern Ukraine, where Russian forces have been leading evacuations since mid-October as Kyiv's forces advance.

"Those who live in Kherson should be removed from zones of dangerous fighting," Mr. Putin told young volunteers from the occupied Ukrainian territories on Red Square as Moscow celebrated Unity Day.

"The civilian population should not suffer from shelling, an offensive, a counter-offensive or other such things," he said.

The Russian Army later said it was evacuating "more than 5,000 civilians" from the Kherson region each day.

Mr. Putin was speaking to volunteers involved in helping people leave Kherson.

He said Moscow had mobilised 3,18,000 recruits since he announced a military call-up in September, which has since been completed.

China's home-grown Beidou satellite system eyes global footprint

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China on Friday outlined plans to further expand the global reach of its home-grown Beidou satellite navigation system, billed as its alternative to the U.S.'s Global Positioning System (GPS).

A white paper released by the Chinese government said Beijing is "strengthening regional cooperation with organisations such as ASEAN, the African Union, the League of Arab States, and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States".

Beijing has, since 2020, also made an outreach to South Asia and is already working, or in discussion with, a number of countries in the region, including Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, over adopting the Beidou satellite (BDS) navigation system. "The Belt and Road (BRI) countries are our priority," Ran Chengqi, Director of the China Satellite Navigation Office, said at Friday's launch of the white paper.

Mr. Ran said the BDS, which now has a "constellation" of 30 satellites in orbit, began its international outreach once the set up was finished in 2018. It is now in use "in more than half of the world's countries". China is also helping several BRI partners, including Pakistan and Sri Lanka, launch communication satellites.

Level up: The Beidou satellite navigation system has been billed as an alternative to the U.S.'s Global Positioning System. FILE PHOTO

"Saudi Arabia is using Beidou in surveying and mapping, positioning people and vehicle in the desert," he said. "Tajikistan is using BDS to monitor dams and lakes with precision. Lebanon is using BDS at Beirut port for marine survey and construction. In Burkina Faso, it is being used for survey and construction of hospitals".

Pakistan and Russia are two significant Beidou hubs. Mr. Ran said China and Russia have signed a strategic framework on their two navigation systems, taking forward a 2015 deal on interoperability between Beidou and GLONASS

Expanding presence

Pakistan in 2014 became the first foreign country to set up a Beidou network. South Asia and Southeast Asia – both of which are key BRI regions – are a current focus of expanding Beidou's presence.

Beidou has set up a first of three Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) for its network in Thailand in 2013, to serve as a hub for ASEAN. China and Sri Lanka also agreed plans to set up 10 CORS, according to reports in Chinese official media, which said "CORS in Thailand and Sri Lanka will extend the BDS coverage at least 3,000 km more towards Southeast Asia and South Asia.

In 2020, Beijing reached out to Bangladesh and Nepal. That year, Bangladesh Post and Telecommunications Minister Mustafa Jabbar told the official *Xinhua* news agency Dhaka "will consider cooperation with BDS", while China has invited Nepal officials to Beijing for training on the Beidou system.

Mr. Ran said the next focus was to improve Beidou's capabilities, which have, in China, closed the gap with GPS in terms of accuracy, although its overseas services still lag behind.

Its application in China, he said, now included use in guiding drones, autonomous cars, in agriculture and forestry, as well as launching with Chinese mobile phone companies, using Chinese chips, satellite-powered messaging for smartphones that provides for connectivity in remote areas even in the absence of ground reception.

Imran Khan claims Pak. PM Sharif had role in plot to kill him

Agence France-Presse
WAZIRABAD

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday accused his successor of involvement in a plot to kill him as he recovered in hospital from gunshot wounds following an assassination attempt.

Mr. Khan told reporters that Shehbaz Sharif, who replaced him as premier following a vote of no confidence in April, masterminded the attack along with Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and a senior Army commander.

"These three decided to kill me," Mr. Khan said in his first public appearance since Thursday's shooting, adding that two gunmen were involved.

The government has denied any part, and blamed the assassination attempt on a lone assailant fueled by religious extremism.

The attack on Mr. Khan's convoy killed one man and wounded at least 10.

The 70-year-old former international cricket star had been leading a campaign convoy of thousands since last week from Lahore to the capital Islamabad.

Protests erupt

Sitting in a wheelchair - his right leg in a cast and left leg heavily bandaged - Mr. Khan spoke for over an hour, railing against the government and establishment he accuses of unseating him.

Earlier on Friday, scattered protests broke out around the country after afternoon prayers, the most important of the week, with police deploying tear gas in several cities to control crowds.

Netanyahu launches talks on forming government

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Veteran hawk Benjamin Netanyahu launched negotiations on Friday with his ultra-Orthodox and far-right allies on forming what could be the most right-wing government in Israel's history.

Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party won 32 seats in Israel's 120-seat parliament, according to the latest official results .

The election result came amid the backdrop of soaring violence between Israel and the Palestinians. Israel Army said its fighter jets early on Friday targeted a rocket manufacturing site in the blockaded Gaza Strip, in response to several rockets fired towards Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken voiced "deep concern" and called for de-escalation.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

(Rs. In Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	7,220.55	5,622.90	20,809.50	8,590.56	6,491.18	24,388.18
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	549.22	376.91	1,243.37	549.82	344.19	1,106.91
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	549.22	376.91	1,213.21	549.73	343.22	1,066.79
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	407.47	277.60	893.56	373.40	234.37	730.88
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	404.49	243.46	829.25	388.72	180.94	733.77
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	4,774.53	-	-	4,351.94
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	5,521.95	4,470.11	4,822.04	5,069.86	4,015.97	4,399.45
10	Outstanding Debt	1,323.71	1,663.82	1,600.57	18,190.25	9,345.66	15,297.28
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.1	0.2	0.3	3.2	2.8	3.1
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	 8.58 8.58	 5.84 5.84	 18.81 18.81	 8.13 8.13	 5.10 5.10	 15.93 15.93
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	5.1	6.3	5.2	3.2	3.6	3.0
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	16.6	11.8	10.9	9.3	8.3	7.2

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
2. During the quarter, Sundaram Auto Components Limited (SACL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company sold its entire stake in Sundaram Holding USA Inc., (SHUI), a material step-down subsidiary on 22nd September 2022. Consequently, SHUI and its subsidiaries ceased as subsidiaries for both SACL and the Company.

For TVS Motor Company Limited

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 4th November 2022

Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

INBRIEF

Bank of India Q2 net profit declines 8.7% to ₹960 crore

Bank of India's standalone second-quarter net profit declined 8.65% to ₹960 crore from ₹1,051 crore in the year-earlier period. Operating profit climbed 26% to ₹3,374 crore. Net interest income rose 44% to ₹5,083 crore. Gross NPA ratio declined 349 basis points to 8.51%. Net NPA ratio slid 87 basis points to 1.92%, the lender said.

TVS Motor Q2 net profit rises 59% to ₹373 cr. on robust sales

TVS Motor Company said on Friday its consolidated net profit increased by 59% to ₹373 crore for the second quarter ended September 2022, on the back of strong sales across markets. The company had reported a net profit of ₹234 crore in the July-September period of the previous fiscal. Revenue from operations rose to ₹8,561 crore from ₹6,483 crore in the year-earlier period, the firm said in a regulatory filing. Overall sales, including exports, grew by 12% to 10.27 lakh units compared with 9.17 lakh units in the second quarter last year. PTI

RIL names banker Kamath as independent director

The Board of Directors of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has appointed well-known banker K.V. Kamath as an independent director for a five-year term. Further, Reliance Strategic Investments Ltd. (RSIL), a wholly owned subsidiary, has appointed Mr. Kamath as an independent director and non-executive chairman. RSIL will be renamed as Jio Financial Services Ltd. and listed pursuant to a scheme approved by the board for demerger of the financial services business into RSIL, RIL said.

IndiGo Q2 net loss widens to ₹1,583 cr. on fuel costs, rupee

Losses mount despite growth in demand and higher airfares, number of passengers flown by budget carrier climb 76% and earnings per each passenger mile rise 21%; fuel costs soar 87%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Budget carrier IndiGo's loss widened to ₹1,583 crore in the quarter ended September as rising fuel costs and a depreciating rupee impacted margins, negating gains from robust growth in passenger demand as well as higher airfares.

The airline had recorded a loss of ₹1,435 crore in the year-earlier period, and a loss of ₹1,064 crore in the quarter ended June.

Compared with last year, the airline's revenue from operations more than doubled to ₹12,497 crore as passenger numbers increased 76% to 1.9 crore and yields (rupee earned for each passenger mile) expanded by 21%. However, fuel prices shot up by 86.7%, causing total expenses to almost double to ₹14,435.6 crore.

Turbulence in the air
Passenger demand growth, higher airfares fail to help

- An almost 87% fuel price-surge leads to near doubling in total costs
- Revenue from operations more than doubles to ₹12,497 crore
- Number of passengers flown by the carrier surged 76% to 1.9 crore

> IndiGo has been working on various counter measures to accommodate strong demand
>
> **PIETER ELBERS**
> CEO

Awaiting engines

The airline – which has been forced to ground 20 of its 276 planes due to delays in the supply of spare engines by manufacturer Pratt & Whitney as well as delays in induction of new aircraft – was "working on various counter measures to accommodate" strong passenger demand, asserted IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers. His comments were aimed at allaying concerns about market capacity, an issue that has led to an increase in airfares.

U.S. employers keep hiring at pace, add 2,61,000 jobs

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

America's employers kept hiring briskly in October, adding a sizeable 2,61,000 positions, a sign that the economy remains a picture of solid job growth and painful inflation.

The unemployment rate rose to 3.7% from a five-decade low of 3.5%.

A strong job market is deepening the challenges the Federal Reserve faces as it raises interest rates at the fastest pace since the 1980s to tame inflation from near a 40-year high. Steady hiring, solid pay growth and a low unemployment rate have been good for workers. But they have also contributed to rising prices.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	60,950	0.19
US Dollar	82.35	0.63
Gold	50,869	0.53
Brent oil	97.66	2.59

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3833.25	242.85
Adani Ports	862.90	29.05
Apollo Hosp	4362.60	-32.40
Asian Paints	3181.35	40.05
Axis Bank	868.10	4.05
Bajaj Auto	3771.10	-2.40
Bajaj Finserv	1800.70	77.20
Bajaj Finance	7212.00	90.40
Bharti Airtel	816.40	-2.25
BPCL	301.35	-3.75
Britannia Ind	3804.20	56.15
Cipla	1146.10	-17.00
Coal India	246.05	-0.15
Divis Lab	3746.30	-35.15
Dr Reddys Lab	4525.10	-64.80
Eicher Motors	3666.90	-8.35
Grasim Ind	1765.10	19.45
HCL Tech	1045.35	0.20
HDFC	2486.65	-2.75
HDFC Bank	1497.15	-10.40
HDFC Life	539.30	-6.10
Hero MotoCorp	2588.90	-57.45
Hindalco	430.55	20.20
Hind Unilever	2520.35	-26.00
ICICI Bank	905.30	-3.35
IndusInd Bank	1152.70	4.70
Infosys	1514.00	-16.75
ITC	353.60	-0.10
JSW Steel	701.75	21.55
Kotak Bank	1899.95	-0.20
L&T	2015.10	6.40
M&M	1338.30	2.90
Maruti Suzuki	9229.50	-9.60
NestleIndia	20425.30	1.85
NTPC	176.95	-1.20
ONGC	137.85	1.45
PowerGrid Corp	226.15	-1.90
Reliance Ind	2592.75	37.60
SBI Life	1265.60	-10.45
State Bank	593.95	9.05
Sun Pharma	1039.90	-4.30
TataConsumerProduct	764.30	1.55
Tata Motors	425.35	9.10
Tata Steel	104.75	2.75
TCS	3217.40	10.65
Tech Mahindra	1053.65	0.80
Titan	2769.70	6.05
UltraTech Cement	6893.05	164.80
UPL	738.85	12.65
Wipro	390.55	2.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 04

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.24	82.56
Euro	80.55	80.87
British Pound	92.20	92.57
Japanese Yen (100)	55.68	55.90
Chinese Yuan	11.35	11.39
Swiss Franc	81.72	82.05
Singapore Dollar	58.15	58.41
Canadian Dollar	60.38	60.62
Malaysian Ringitt	17.32	17.39
Australian Dollar	52.44	52.64

Source:Indian Bank

GAIL Q2 net slides 46% as former Gazprom unit cuts gas supply

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Natural gas marketing saw revenue double but profitability declined 66% on higher gas prices

State-owned GAIL (India) Ltd. on Friday reported a 46% fall in second-quarter net profit as it slashed petrochemical output after a former unit of Russian energy giant Gazprom stopped gas supplies.

Net profit slid to ₹1,537.07 crore in July-September, from ₹2,862.95 crore in the year-earlier period, according to a filing.

Profit for the natural gas supplier to users like fertiliser plants and CNG retailers slid 47.2% sequentially.

GAIL's mainstay natural gas-marketing business saw revenue double but profitability declined 66% as higher gas prices, resulting from a global surge in energy rates following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, hurt margins. It turned a pre-tax loss of ₹346.22 crore in the petrochemical business from a pre-tax profit of ₹363.29 crore a year earlier.

GAIL said there was a disruption in LNG supplies by a former Gazprom unit.

"GAIL has taken various measures which include reduction of supplies to downstream customers and internal consumption at Pata [plant]... by reducing petrochemical production to have a sustainable operation," it said.

G7 coalition said to agree on setting fixed price for Russian oil

Reuters
WASHINGTON/LONDON

The Group of Seven rich nations and Australia have agreed to set a fixed price when they finalise a price cap on Russian oil later this month, rather than adopting a floating rate, sources said on Thursday.

U.S. officials and G7 nations have been in intense negotiations in recent weeks over the unprecedented plan to put a price cap on seaborne oil shipments, slated to take effect on December 5, to ensure EU and U.S. sanctions, aimed at limiting Moscow's ability to fund its war in Ukraine, do not throttle the global oil market.

"The coalition has agreed the price cap will be a fixed price that will be reviewed regularly rather than a discount to an index," said a source.

Govt.'s SRI Fund commits ₹5,000 cr. to aid MSMEs

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Government-backed Self Reliant India Fund (SRIF) said it has committed more than ₹5,000 crore to help small businesses with growth capital in its first year of operations.

The fund, started as part of the government's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' programme, has provided approvals to 38 'daughter funds' with a commitment amount of more than ₹5,000 crore, according to an official statement.

Marico posts surprise 3% drop in Q2 profit as rural demand slips

Reuters
BENGALURU

Marico reported a surprise 3% drop in quarterly profit on Friday, as rural consumers switched to cheaper, unbranded alternatives amid rising inflation.

Net profit for the quarter ended September 30 fell to ₹301 crore, missing estimates of ₹320 crore, according to Refinitiv IBES.

'Inflationary pressures'

Expenses rose 4%, while revenue grew 3% to ₹2,496 crore led by growth in the international business.

Sales volume of Parachute hair oil brand fell 3%.

"(Sales at mom-and-pop stores) remained weak, while the divergence in rural and urban growth grew starker with the former reeling under persistent inflationary and liquidity pressures," Marico said.

Cash-strapped consumers chose to buy smaller quantities or switch to unbranded products, dampening sales of consumer companies such as Marico, while currency fluctuations added to their woes.

Aditya Birla Fashion Q2 net surges sixfold to ₹29 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd.'s (ABFRL) consolidated second-quarter net profit surged almost sixfold to ₹29 crore from ₹5 crore a year earlier.

Revenue from operations at ₹3,075 crore rose 50% year-on-year and was 33% more than pre-COVID levels, the firm said.

"Robust like-to-like and consistent e-commerce performance have been key drivers of growth in the quarter," ABFRL said.

Employees at Elon Musk's Twitter brace for layoffs

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Employees braced for widespread layoffs at Twitter Friday as new owner, billionaire Elon Musk, overhauls the social platform.

In a letter to employees obtained by multiple media outlets, the company said employees would find out by 9 a.m. Pacific Standard Time if they had been laid off.

Some employees tweeted early Friday that they had already lost access to their work accounts. The e-mail to staff said job reductions were "necessary to ensure the company's success moving forward."

Elon Musk

Twitter's roughly 7,500 employees have been expecting layoffs since Mr. Musk took the helm.

As of Thursday, Mr. Musk and Twitter had given no public notice of the coming layoffs. That's even though the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification statute requires employers with at least 100 workers to disclose layoffs involving 500 or more employees, regardless of whether a company is publicly traded or private.

A lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Francisco on behalf of one employee who was laid off and three others who were locked out of their work accounts. It alleges that Twitter intends to lay off more employees and has violated the law by not providing the required notice.

'Xiaomi misled banker on 'illegal' royalty payments'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian investigators alleged Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi Corp.'s India unit misled its banker Deutsche Bank AG for years by claiming it had an agreement for payment of royalties when it had none, legal documents showed.

The ED had frozen $670 million of the firm's bank assets saying a probe found Xiaomi made 'illegal remittances' to U.S. chip firm Qualcomm and others in the 'guise' of royalties.

Sport

Vafa's brilliant header gives CFC full points

ISL

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Vafa Hakhamaneshi's 69th-minute header helped Chennaiyin FC (CFC) record a 1-0 win over East Bengal in an Indian Super League encounter at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Friday.

After a barren first half, which saw both sides come close to opening the account, CFC stepped up the attack and got a bunch of corners in a drama-filled second.

It got the breakthrough when the tall Vafa moved well to head it in to the bottom right corner. However, the defender got a second yellow card for improper celebration and was sent off the next minute.

Intense action: Chennaiyin's Jiteshwar and Naorem tussle for possession. DEBASISH BHADURI

EB also received a setback when Sarthak Goloui was served a second yellow for a foul resulting in a red in the 74th minute.

The result: Chennaiyin FC 1 (Vafa 69) bt East Bengal 0.

WC timing may turn out a blessing for some teams: Cafu

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

World Cup-winning Brazil captain Cafu said on Friday the unusual timing – middle of the regular season – of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar might help some players deliver good performances.

Speaking at a press conference here, Cafu, who is in the city for a charity match, said, "It's an advantage for some players. World Cups used to be held when the leagues ended in June.

"This time players have resumed training with their clubs, so it could be a big boost to their National teams.

"When the World Cup happened in June, the players used to be tired. Now, it's only been a few months since the leagues started, so they are relatively fresh."

Legends meet: Cafu with Leander on Friday. PTI

On whether Brazil would be over-dependent on Neymar, Cafu said, "If you had asked me this four years ago, I might have said yes.

"But Brazil is not solely dependent on Neymar anymore.

"There are several players, like Vinicius Junior, Rodrygo and Paqueta, capable of winning the Cup for Brazil... I hope Brazil does well and wins the Cup."

Cafu recalled how he had played alongside quality defenders such as Maldini and Nesta, but lamented the absence of good full-backs now.

Tenis ace Leander paes, cricketer and Sports Minister Manoj Tiwary and footballer Alvito D'Cunha were present on the occasion.

Mumbai takes on well-oiled Himachal

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

A well-organised Himachal Pradesh will meet a star-studded Mumbai as two first-timers promise a quality title duel in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

Himachal, ably led by Rishi Dhawan, has benefited from its solid core of players who have been playing together for some years.

The Himachal players have always risen to the occasion. Utility batters such as Akash Vashisht, Nikhil Gangta, Prashant Chopra and Sumeet Verma have taken up the responsibility and scored the runs.

Mumbai will be keen to win its first crown in the shortest format. Other than captain Ajinkya Rahane, the presence of IPL regulars Prithvi Shaw, Shreyas Iyer, Shivam Dube, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sarfaraz Khan make it a formidable team.

Mumbai – boasting of attacking opener Prithvi and experienced finisher Shreyas – has depth in its batting. Its bowling, including Tushar Deshpande and Shams Mulani, has variety. Mumbai needs to play to its potential to stop a well-oiled Himachal.

Match starts at 4.30 p.m.

SIMPLE EQUATION

A win over Sri Lanka will take England through

Jos Buttler-led England will need to get the better of Sri Lanka in their last league match in Sydney on Saturday to book a semifinal spot from Group 1 after New Zealand claimed its place in the last four and Australia just about stayed alive with a narrow win over Afghanistan.

PARIS MASTERS

Auger-Aliassime's run continues; Alcaraz quits

Carlos Alcaraz retired from his quarterfinal against Holger Rune, after losing the first set and trailing 3-1 in a second set tie-break, with an abdominal injury, while Felix Auger-Aliassime stretched his winning run to 16 matches as he beat Frances Tiafoe 6-1, 6-4 in his last eight match.

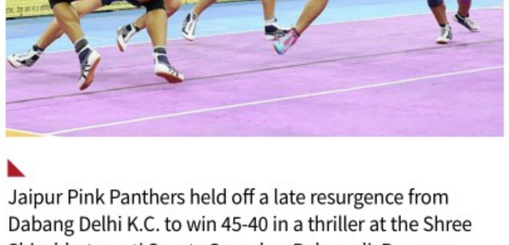
WTA FINALS

Swiatek makes the last four; Kasatkina knocks out Gauff

World No. 1 Iga Swiatek beat Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-2 to clinch a semifinal spot at the WTA Finals at Fort Worth (USA) on Thursday, but Garcia remained in the hunt. She can still advance with a victory on Saturday against Daria Kasatkina *(in pic)*, who beat Coco Gauff 7-6(6), 6-3.

HYLO OPEN

Srikanth, Treesa-Gayatri duo move into the semifinals



K. Srikanth beat Jonatan Christie 21-13, 21-19 to reach the semifinals on Friday. Treesa-Gayatri duo defeated Hsu Ya Ching-Lin Wan Ching 21-17, 18-21, 21-8 to advance. Ben Lane & Sean Vendy ousted Satwiksairaj-Chirag 21-17, 21-14 and Malvika lost to Gregoria Tunjung 17-21, 10-21.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Panthers overcome Dabang; Paltan ease past Yoddhas

Jaipur Pink Panthers held off a late resurgence from Dabang Delhi K.C. to win 45-40 in a thriller at the Shree Shivchhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune, on Friday. In the other match, Puneri Paltan registered a 40-31 victory over U.P. Yoddhas.

India on course to sail into semifinals as twist in the tale looks unlikely

It remains to be seen whether the management will stick to the tried and tested for remaining games, or change composition based on conditions

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

Surprise element: A left-right combination always forces an opponent to make various adjustments on the field. GETTY IMAGES

The skies remained a crisp blue, the air was a shade nippy but with the sun largely on display, Melbourne seems to have finally got past its unseasonal rains. Hopefully it stays this way through the weekend as India is scheduled to play its last Group 2 match against Zimbabwe here on Sunday.

The Men in Blue touched down on Thursday and rested on Friday while keeping an eye on the battles ahead as the ICC Twenty20 World Cup hurtles towards its business-end.

Top of the group

Currently placed atop the group, India dealt with two close games against Pakistan and Bangladesh while suffering a loss to South Africa. And with the race for semifinal berths heating up, India and South Africa should sail through unless some upsets happen with Zimbabwe and the Netherlands playing the spoiler.

Based on current form and judging on relative merits, a twist in the tale seems unlikely.

So far India has retained its core players with the 'Deepak Hooda for Axar Patel swap' just happening once against South Africa. Rohit Sharma had spoken about all players being ready and how that could facilitate changes based on conditions and the opposition.

However, it remains to be seen if the skipper will stick to the tried and tested for the next three games, presuming that his men qualify for the final.

Waning 'left' influence

There was a time when the left-component in Indian squads had a strong impact. Sourav Ganguly, Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, R.P. Singh and Irfan Pathan at varying points were all part of the mix, showcasing their diverse skills as either batters or bowlers or being both.

Cut to the present, with Ravindra Jadeja being ruled out and Rishabh Pant warming the benches, seamer Arshdeep Singh and spinner Axar Patel are the remaining primary left-handed athletes while Shikhar Dhawan is part of the ODI set-up.

The left-quotient often hassles rival skippers and batters. Setting alternate fields for a right-left combine or lining up to play a left-arm speedster emerging from a right-hand batter's blind-spot and that too coming at an angle, have always been difficult. It is something that the management and selectors may consider even as the present unit has to ideally be in the 'here and now' Down Under.

That a transition is imminent is obvious from the multiple squads announced for the New Zealand and Bangladesh tour with there being enough signs about this fortnight being perhaps the last in international white-ball cricket for R. Ashwin and Dinesh Karthik.

The missing duo

The duo was missing in the T20 and ODI teams announced for the tours. Equally, cricketers tend to look at World Cups as perhaps full-stops to bring closure to their careers.

A lot could be happening between the ears and the coaching staff need to keep an eye as in either trying to pause or looking too far ahead could mean an opportunity is missed now. Additionally there is the title-drought in ICC events which India needs to address and next week may offer a solution.

Australia hangs on in the face of Rashid's valiant effort; Black Caps first to qualify

Shayan Acharya
ADELAIDE

Despite Rashid Khan's valiant efforts, Afghanistan fell four short of Australia's 169-run target here on Friday. With 22 needed from the last over, Rashid (48 n.o.) hammered Marcus Stoinis for a couple of fours and a six, but that was not enough.

The Australian camp was far from happy with the result as its place in the World Cup now hinges on Sri Lanka beating England on Saturday.

To go past England's Net Run Rate, Australia had to restrict Afghanistan to 106 and despite losing a flurry of wickets – Afghanistan was reduced to 103 for six from 99 for two in the space of nine deliveries – Afghanistan and Rashid refused to cave in.

Earlier, Mitchell Marsh's 45 off 30 balls and Glenn Maxwell's unbeaten 54 steered Australia to a competitive total.

In the other match, Kane Williamson's half-century and a spin bowling assault fired New Zealand to a 35-run win over Ireland and helped the Black Caps book a semifinal spot.

New Zealand posted 185 for six after Ireland elected to field before its bowlers restricted the Irishmen to 150 for nine.

The win saw Williamson's team cement the top spot in Group 1 with seven points.

Left-armer Josh Little had Williamson caught for 61 (35b, 5x4, 3x6), trapped both James Neesham and Mitchell Santner lbw for no score in the 19th over to bring up Ireland's second hat-trick in T20Is.

The scores:

New Zealand 185/6 in 20 overs (Finn Allen 32, Devon Conway 28, Kane Williamson 61, Daryl Mitchell 31 n.o., Josh Little 3/22, incl. a hat-trick, Gareth Delany 2/30) bt Ireland 150/9 in 20 overs (Paul Stirling 37, Andy Balbirnie 30, Tim Southee 2/29, Lockie Ferguson 3/22, Mitchell Santner 2/26, Ish Sodhi 2/31).

MoM: Williamson.

Australia 168/8 in 20 overs (David Warner 25, Mitchell Marsh 45, Marcus Stoinis 25, Glenn Maxwell 54 n.o.; Fazalhaq Farooqi 2/29, Naveen-ul-Haq 3/21) bt Afghanistan 164/7 in 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 30, Ibrahim Zadran 26, Gulbadin Naib 39, Rashid Khan 48 n.o.; Josh Hazlewood 2/33, Adam Zampa 2/22). **MoM:** Maxwell.

Today's match

Sri Lanka vs. England

Sydney, **1.30 p.m.** IST

H2H IN T20Is

Played **13**

Sri Lanka **4** | England **9**

Final flourish: Maxwell's unbeaten 54 off 32 balls steered Australia to what proved a winning total. AP

How they stand

GROUP 1	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	5	3	1	1	7	2.113
Australia	5	3	1	1	7	-0.173
England	4	2	1	1	5	0.547
Sri Lanka	4	2	2	0	4	-0.457
Ireland	5	1	3	1	3	-1.615
Afghanistan	5	0	3	2	2	-0.571

GROUP 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
India	4	3	1	0	6	0.730
South Africa	4	2	1	1	5	1.441
Pakistan	4	2	2	0	4	1.117
Bangladesh	4	2	2	0	4	-1.276
Zimbabwe	4	1	2	1	3	-0.313
Netherlands	4	1	3	0	2	-1.233

India roars back in style to beat NZ

In seventh heaven: Down 1-3, India slotted home seven goals to turn the tables on New Zealand. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sports Bureau

Harmanpreet Singh and Karthi Selvam scored a brace each as India thrashed New Zealand 7-4 in its third FIH Hockey Pro League game at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Friday.

A field goal by New Zealand's Simon Child in the first minute provided the Black Sticks an early lead but captain Harmanpreet restored parity with a penalty corner in the sixth minute.

Sam Lane and Jake Smith worked the ball past India goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh in the eighth and 13th minutes to provide a two-goal cushion to the visitors.

The second quarter saw Karthi slot home in the 16th minute. Two minutes later, Harmanpreet scored his second goal through another penalty corner.

The start of the third quarter saw India's frequent attacking runs reap rewards as Raj Kumar Pal scored the fourth goal. Karthi, left unmarked, got on the scoresheet again as the ball sped past New Zealand custodian Dominic Dixon.

Sukhjeet Singh flicked the ball past the New Zealanders again in the 49th minute to hand India a three-goal lead. Jugraj Singh's 52nd-minute penalty corner drag flick widened the margin.

Although New Zealand skipper Nic Woods flicked the ball off a corner and reduced the deficit to three in the 53rd minute, it was too late for a comeback.

The result:

India 7 (Harmanpreet 6 & 18, Karthi 16 & 37, Raj Kumar 30, Sukhjeet 49, Jugraj 52) bt New Zealand 4 (Simon 1, Sam 8, Jake 13, Nick 53).

Hope Rohit and his men win the World T20 this time: Binny

S. Dinakar
CHENNAI

The natural etiquette, grace and charm he brings to the table adds lustre to the job of the BCCI president. There is this old-fashioned goodness about Roger Binny that puts everyone around him at ease, even as he finds solutions to vexing problems. And age – he is 67 – sits lightly on this genial man.

An incisive swing bowler with wicket-taking skills and a smooth-stroking batter (he has more than 100 international wickets and over 1000 runs for the country), Binny played a major role in two of India's biggest triumphs in ICC events – Prudential World Cup in England in 1983 and World Championship of Cricket in Australia in 1985.

Expressing his views on the sidelines of the TNCA annual day where he was the chief guest, Binny said there was not one reason for India's record in ICC tournaments to be less than satisfactory.

"We have made it to the semifinals and finals. Often it depends on that day. Luck plays a part. This is very much so in Twenty20 cricket. We are better at chasing scores than defending them," Binny said.

"Hopefully, Rohit Sharma and his men will win the World Twenty20 this time," he added.

The erudite Binny spoke about the dynamics on the ground. "You see several factors come into play. In Australia, the grounds are big so mishits are more likely to be caught. There are exceptions like Adelaide where the boundaries are smaller and you see more sixes."

Binny. R. RAGU

On Rohit's captaincy, Binny said, "I don't like to make comparisons. Each captain has his own style. And Rohit has his methods."

Bilateral ties

About India and Pakistan resuming bilateral tours, Binny said, "This has to be decided by talks between both governments. We will go by what our government tells us."

Queried about certain key vacancies to be filled, such as West Zone not having a selector, Binny said, "This will be discussed in the meeting after the World Cup."

On several players expressing displeasure publicly over non-selection, Binny said the selectors had a difficult job to do.

With women achieving parity with men over match fee, Binny said in the forthcoming women's IPL, five foreign players would be allowed in the XI – it is four in the men's IPL – but added that all the other important decisions will be taken at a later date.

As he walked away, Binny left with a smile of genuine warmth.

INBRIEF

Thapa, Amit and Sachin enter Asian boxing quarterfinals

Five time Asian Championships medallist Shiva Thapa, Sachin and Amit Kumar progressed to the quarterfinals of the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman on Friday. Thapa (63.5kg) showed his mettle in a hard fought 3-2 win over Mongolia's Byambatsogt Tuguldur, Amit (67kg) outclassed Chinese Taipei's Zheng-Rong Huang for a unanimous verdict and Sachin (71kg) produced a stunning comeback to down Thailand's Peerapat Yeasungnoen 5-0.

India loses to Argentina in positional playoff

The Indian team put up a better show but lost 1-2 to Argentina in the positional playoff of the junior Davis Cup under-16 World Group tennis competition in Antalya, Turkey, on Friday.

The results: Positional playoff: Argentina bt India 2-1 (Valentin Garay bt Kriish Tyagi 6-2, 6-2; Maximo Zeitune bt Rushil Khosla 6-4, 4-6, [10-0]; Lucca Guercio & Valentin Garay lost to Rushil & Vansh Nandal 4-1, 3-5 [7-10]).

Indian TT doubles teams make semifinals in Slovenia

The top-seeded Indian mixed doubles pair of G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra entered the semifinals of the World Table Tennis Contender Nova Gorica, with a 11-4, 6-11, 11-2, 11-7 win over Kozul Deni and Katarina Strazar (Slovenia), in Slovenia on Friday. Manika and Archana Kamath, seeded No.1, also entered the last four in women's doubles after defeating Vivien Scholz and Amelie Solja of Luxembourg 11-9, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5.

Belgium and the Netherlands to co-host 2026 hockey WC

Belgium and the Netherlands will jointly host the 2026 women's and men's hockey World Cups simultaneously, the game's governing body FIH said on Friday. The decision was taken during the virtual meeting of the Executive Board under the chairmanship of FIH Acting president Seif Ahmed. The combined event will take place in July or August 2026 in Amsterdam/Amstelveen, the Netherlands and Wavre, Belgium, with the teams playing in both venues," the International Hockey Federation said in a statement.

Indian men clinch maiden Asian team squash gold

Ramit Tandon and Saurav Ghosal fashion a 2-0 victory over Kuwait in the summit clash; India, which had bagged the silver thrice in previous editions, won all five group games

Sports Bureau

The Indian men's team bagged its first-ever gold medal at the Asian team squash championships at Chengdu, South Korea, on Friday, with a facile 2-0 win over Kuwait in the final.

Ramit Tandon won the opening rubber against Ali Alramezi while India's No. 1 Saurav Ghosal closed out the match with a straight-game win over Ammar Altamimi.

India had won all its group matches, five in all. India had won the silver medals in 2021, 2012 & 1981 and has won bronze seven times.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Saurav said: "It's really good to finally win the Asian teams.

"We have been quite close before. It feels great to do it.

"The entire team had put in their efforts. The semifinals against Malaysia was a very tight match, and we are happy that we managed to pull through.

"The win is something to be proud of. It is great for Indian squash."

The results (final): India bt Kuwait 2-0 (Ramit Tandon bt Ali Alramezi 11-5, 11-7, 11-4; Saurav Ghosal bt Ammar Altamimi 11-9, 11-2, 11-3).

Shiny smiles: It was a day to remember for the Indian squad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bopanna-Middelkoop duo bows out

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop lost 6-3, 6-4 to Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski in the doubles quarterfinals of the €6,008,725 ATP Masters in Paris on Friday.

Other results: $53,120 Challenger, Charlottesville, USA: Doubles (quarterfinals): Alex Lawson (USA) & Artem Sitak (Nzl) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-7(1), 7-6(4), [10-8].

$53,120 Challenger, Guayaquil, Ecuador: Pre-quarterfinals: Nicolas Kicker (Arg) bt Sumit Nagal 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; **Doubles (quarters):** Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan bt Eduardo Ribeiro & Thiago Seyboth Wild (Bra) 6-2, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Al Zahra, Kuwait: Doubles (semifinals): Pruchya Isaro (Tha) & Lohithaksha Bathrinath bt Bader Alabdullah & Essa Qabazard (Kuw) 7-5, 7-5.

$15,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh: Pre-quarters: Aliona Falei bt Sowjanya Bavisetti 7-5, 6-3; **Doubles (quarters):** Evgeniya Burdina & Ekaterina Shalimova bt Lanlana Tararudee (Tha) & Shrivalli Bhamidipaty 7-5, 4-6, [10-4].

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Mujeeb nets the winner

Shaik Mujeeb's 15th minute goal helped MEG & Centre FC defeat Kodagu FC 1-0 in the BDFA Super Division league on Friday.

Other results: Bangalore Eagles FC 1 (Sanju Kumar 36) drew with Kickstart FC 1 (Princewill Emeka 2); Bengaluru FC 3 (M. Amay 37, Monirul Molla 39, Damait Phang Lyngdoh 52) bt Friends United FC 3 (Vijay Thangavel 45, 84, Vinith Venkatesh 89).

Nagaraj advances

L. Nagaraj beat Haris Madi 57-23, 79-35, 70-19 in the senior men's first round of the State-ranking snooker tournament.

Easy for Sahyadri HC

Sahyadri HC (Shivamogga) whipped Samanth SA 12-0 in the KSHA 'C' division hockey league championship.

The results:

Sahyadri HC (Shivamogga) 12 (R. Sagar 2, 30, 36, 39, Suresth 4, 12, 27, Syid Mazhar 9, G.H. Madhu 14, 37, Sanjay 17, 31) bt Samanth Sports Academy 0.

New Ashoka HC 2 (Sehaj Singh 8, John Charan 9) bt ITC 0.

Nihal enters semifinals after stunning comeback

Sports Bureau

Grandmaster Nihal Sarin pulled off a stunning come back against Samuel Sev ian to gate-crash into the se mifinals of the $500,000 *Chess.com* Global Champio nship Finals on Thursday.T railing 1.5-2.5 after the first set of four rapid online ga mes on the previous night, Nihal bounced back to win the first two games and drew the next two for a 4.5-3.5 victory. By reaching the semifinals, Nihal is assu red of $50,000.

The results: Quarterfinals: Hikaru Nakamura (USA) bt Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol) 5-2; Wesley So (USA) bt Dmitry Andreikin (FIDE) 4.5-1.5; Anish Giri (Ned) bt Teimour Radjabov (Aze) 5-4; Nihal Sarin bt Samuel Sevian (USA) 4.5-3.5.

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Tierney scores Arsenal's winner

Associated Press
LONDON

Kieran Tierney blasted the winner for Arsenal to seal the top spot in its group and make the round of 16 of the Europa League with a 1-0 victory over Zurich.

Important results:
Group A: Arsenal 1 (Tierney 17) bt FC Zurich (SUI) 0; Bodo/Glimt 1 (Zugelj 90+3) bt PSV Eindhoven 2 (Sampsted 36-og).

Group-B: Dynamo Kyiv 0 lost to Fenerbahce 2 (Arda Guler 23, Willian Arao 45+2); **Group-C:** Roma 3 (Pellegrini 56-pen, 65-pen, Zaniolo 85) bt Ludogorets 1 (Rick 42); Real Betis 3 (Aitor Ruibal 20, 41, Fekir 90+3) bt HJK 0. **Group-E:** Real Sociedad lost to 0 Manchester United 1 (Garnacho 17); **Group-F:** Feyenoord 1 (Gimenez 64) bt Lazio 0.

Pique to play last home game on Saturday

Agence France-Presse
BARCELONA

Barcelona's Gerard Pique announced his retirement on Thursday after a decorated career.

"Saturday's match against Almeria will be my last at the Camp Nou," the 35-year-old posted on Twitter.

The veteran defender bows out with three Champions League titles for his childhood club and the 2010 World Cup and Euro 2012 with Spain.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
SMAT: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 4.30 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3, SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.
BWF: Hylo Open, Sports 18-1 & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards.
ATP Paris Masters: Sports 18-1 HD & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 & 11 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday).
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 1.15 a.m. (Sunday).

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